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NDP Chooses CUPE Local 855 President Lyn Edwards to contest March 5th By-election

Stephen Patrick
Editor



Tight Race Predicted

The Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock New Democrats gave a first ballot mandate last Sunday afternoon to CUPE Local 855 President Lyn Edwards to carry their flag into next month's March 5th by-election. A feisty turnout

of about 100 party members gathered at the Lindsay Inn where three local candidates vied for their support. Ms. Edwards defeated fellow activists Lynne Boldt, the Chair of the Voices of Central Ontario, and a resident of Fenelon Falls, and Haliburton's Stephen Woof, a teacher at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Vice President of the local district of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

NDP Leader Howard Hampton, who's due to step down shortly, came to Lindsay and delivered an impassioned speech blasting the Liberal government of Premier Dalton McGuinty for its alleged failure to deliver on its promises on a wide front. "They promised to restore proper funding for our education system after the Conservatives had practically destroyed it – and they've failed in that promise."

Hampton also pointed out that the NDP was the only party in this by-election that actually sought out qualified candidates for the nomination. "We don't appoint candidates in this party – we let our members, and ultimately the people decide who our candidates will be." Hampton also mocked McGuinty's recent embrace of the benefits of the so-called new "Creative Economy," this "undefined new economy, this nebulous new concept." In a later interview with the Voice, Hampton couldn't conceal his contempt for the recent report written for the McGuinty government by two

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Scotty Morrison Tournament a Huge Success

Year one of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament came with a caveat.

Scotty Morrison was careful in assessing the long-term prospects of this first annual charity event.

With a little luck, allowed Scotty in the lead up to the tourney, this thing might just have some success; and if it did, well sure, he would be glad to lend his name to the tourney in perpetuity.

Well last weekend came and went. Under the kind auspices of Stanley Cup Trustee Scotty Morrison, Lord Stanley's silver plated jug arrived in Haliburton and Minden to the requisite fanfare.

For the first time ever, at a venue outside of the Hockey Hall of Fame, Phil Pritchard, the Keeper of the Cup, presented his much vaunted Tales of Stanley. That milestone all down to one man: Scotty Morrison.

People came out in droves last Friday to the Haliburton legion to listen to Pritchard tell those lovely, funny stories; they came to see and be photographed with the Cup; they came too, to watch some hockey; but most important, they came to donate to the

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Photos by
Tim Tofflemire



Dysart Struggles to Balance the Books

Minden Hills isn't the only municipality that is suffering a deficit budget for 2008. Dysart et al has also reported a deficit and according to CAO Tammy McKelvey, year end actual amounts still remain a bit of a moving target. Council held the first of two budget meetings last Monday and the process will continue into March with Council scrutinizing each department carefully before things are finalized and levies established.

Despite the deficit, which was attributed to the high cost of fuels and overtime for winter road maintenance crews, Dysart's review process was completely transparent. In addition, the Council is not planning to absorb all of the increased revenue that could be realized by the

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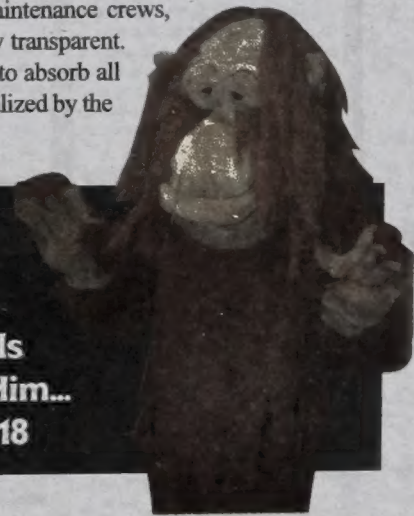
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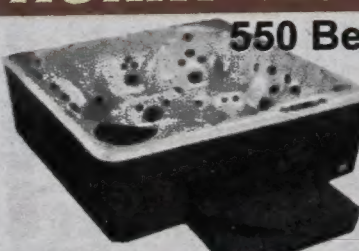
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Cathy Bain * 457-2414 ext 23

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Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

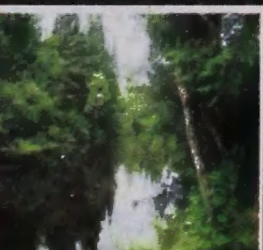
STARTER HOME - \$129,900



Great two bedroom, one bath retirement or starter home. Located 80 feet from public boat launch on the Grace River with access to Grace and Dark Lakes. 18' x 24' storage shed could be converted to small bunkie for potential cottage rental. Upgrades included flooring and painting in 2008. Located in the village of Wilberforce on year round municipal road. Close to ATV and snowmobile trails.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext 24

IRONDALE RIVER - \$25,000



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Susan Johnson * 286-1234

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David Lee * 286-1234
www.haliburtonhighlands-realestate.ca

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Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

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Peter Franzen* 286-1234

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Key Piece of Equipment Revealed \$9,000 Life-Saving Purchase Made by Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Just out of the box and it's already helped save a life!!

Last October the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary raised over \$9,000 through their Taste of Italy fundraiser.

Now, thanks to those funds, the emergency department in the Haliburton Highlands Hospital has received a vital piece of equipment known as a GlideScope. Also known as a "video laryngoscope", the tool allows a doctor to get a real-time view of a patient's airway in an emergency situation. They are most commonly used when a patient is going into cardiac arrest or are in some other form of distress. The GlideScope is hooked up to a video screen, making it easy for the doctor

to see what's going on inside. The machine is portable, but will remain stationary in the emergency department.

On Monday, Daphne Martire, a representative from Carestream Medical, visited the hospital to show staff how the innovative piece of equipment operates and is



used on a patient. According to Martire, the first GlideScope prototype was introduced five years ago, and the one the hospital just received has been out on the market for about two years.

The GlideScope was delivered to the hospital in the first week of January and was put to use well before its official unveiling this week.

"A patient came in who had difficulty breathing," explained Dr. Greg Karaguesian.

An out of town doctor who was at the scene and had experience in using a GlideScope responded to the patient's aid.

"He took it out of the box and was successful in using on his first attempt," added Debbie Watson, Manager of Patient Care Services.

The man was then transported to another hospital where he was further treated.

"We really appreciate the work of the volunteers from the Hospital Auxiliary who were responsible for getting this piece of equipment here," said Watson. "We're also very appreciative of the research that Dr. Karaguesian and others did on this project to ensure that it was what we needed."

In their most recent board meeting, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary voted to use the remaining \$43,000 in funds they raised in 2008 to benefit hospital departments including physiotherapy, acute care, emergency and the hospital's lab.

Since its inception in 1971, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary has managed to generate over \$800,000 for health services in Haliburton. In 2007, they completed their \$85,000 commitment towards the purchase of a Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS). ■



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SUNDAY



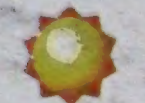
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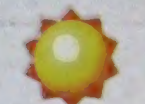
Continued sunny to partly cloudy
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TUESDAY



Mostly sunny and seasonable
▲ -3° ▼ -14°

WEDNESDAY



Continued sunny, but cooler
▲ -5° ▼ -16°

AROUND THE REGION: Temperatures will be relatively comfortable over the next few day with plenty of dry weather to be experienced. Showers will be possible on Thursday with highs near zero. A mix of sun and clouds will be seen each day as the storm track will be to the south of the area. Highs will be in the single digits below zero.

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City	Today	Friday	Saturday	City	Today	Friday	Saturday
M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct
Acapulco	30/21/pc	33/21/su	32/22/su	Montego Bay	29/22/pc	28/23/su	29/22/su
Antigua	29/22/su	28/23/su	28/23/su	Nassau	27/21/su	28/21/pc	26/22/su
Barbados	30/24/ls	29/24/pc	29/26/dz	Port au Prince	28/22/sh	29/22/su	29/22/su
Bermuda	24/17/su	22/15/pc	22/17/sh	Puerto Vallarta	28/16/su	29/15/su	29/15/su
Cancun	31/21/ls	31/20/pc	28/23/su	St Thomas	28/22/pc	28/22/su	28/22/pc
Curacao	31/25/ls	32/26/sh	29/23/cl	St Maarten	28/22/su	28/22/su	28/24/su
Freeport	26/19/pc	27/21/pc	28/22/pc	San Jose, CR	28/19/ls	27/18/ls	28/18/cl
Georgetown	30/23/ls	31/24/ls	30/23/ra	San Juan	28/22/su	29/23/su	28/25/su
Havana	28/21/pc	29/21/pc	31/18/su	San Salvador	33/22/pc	32/22/pc	32/22/su
Key West	26/21/pc	27/21/pc	26/20/pc	Santo Domingo	27/22/sh	28/22/su	30/23/su
Kingston	29/23/pc	29/23/su	31/28/su	Trinidad	30/24/ls	31/25/ls	31/26/ls

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct
Bancroft	-1/7/sn	-4/13/pc	-3/10/cl	-3/12/pc	-4/12/pc	-3/14/su	-5/16/su
Barrie	0/-7/sn	-4/11/pc	-1/9/cl	-3/11/pc	-3/11/pc	-2/12/su	-4/14/su
Dorset	-1/8/sn	-4/13/pc	-3/11/cl	-3/12/pc	-4/12/pc	-3/14/su	-5/16/su
Haliburton	-1/7/sn	-4/12/pc	-3/10/cl	-3/12/pc	-4/12/pc	-3/14/su	-5/16/su
Huntsville	-1/8/sn	-4/13/pc	-3/11/cl	-3/12/pc	-4/12/pc	-3/14/su	-5/16/su
Kingston	1/6/sn	-2/10/pc	0/-8/cl	-2/9/pc	-2/8/pc	-1/11/su	-2/12/su
London	0/-6/sn	-4/11/pc	-1/9/cl	-3/11/pc	-3/11/pc	-2/12/su	-4/14/su
Lindsay	-1/7/sn	-4/12/pc	-3/10/cl	-3/12/pc	-4/12/pc	-3/14/su	-5/16/su
Oshawa	1/6/sn	-2/9/pc	1/7/cl	-1/8/pc	-2/7/pc	-1/10/su	-2/12/su
Ottawa	1/6/sn	-4/11/pc	-1/9/cl	-3/11/pc	-3/11/pc	-2/12/su	-4/14/su
Toronto	1/6/sn	-2/9/pc	1/7/cl	-1/8/pc	-2/7/pc	-1/10/su	-2/12/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct	M/L/Oct
Calgary	-7/16/cl	-6/14/pc	-5/11/cl	-5/14/cl	-3/12/cl	1/9/cl	1/9/sf
Edmonton	-1/12/pc	-12/22/pc	-9/19/cl	-10/18/sf	-8/15/sf	-6/13/sf	-4/12/sf
Fredericton	3/3/mx	-3/10/pc	-2/8/sf	-1/9/sf	-2/10/cl	-4/10/cl	-5/9/pc
Halifax	4/2/mx	0/-6/pc	-1/7/sf	0/-4/su	-1/3/cl	0/-2/cl	1/1/pc
Montreal	3/5/sn	-4/10/pc	-4/11/sf	-5/11/sf	-6/12/sf	-4/9/su	-2/12/su
Regina	-8/17/cl	9/19/pc	-4/25/pc	-1/21/sf	-3/12/cl	-1/11/cl	-1/9/sf
St. John's	-1/5/cl	1/6/sf	0/0/cl	2/2/cl	0/-3/cl	2/4/cl	2/4/cl
Saskatoon	-12/19/cl	-14/22/pc	-15/28/pc	-12/22/cl	-6/13/sf	-3/13/sf	-3/12/sf
Vancouver	6/0/cl	6/2/cl	5/0/cl	7/2/sn	8/2/cl	7/4/sn	8/2/sn
Whitehorse	-8/17/pc	-9/16/su	-16/24/su	-18/26/su	-18/27/sf	-13/21/sn	-12/21/sn
Winnipeg	-9/19/sf	-10/18/sf	-13/14/cl	-12/26/pc	-5/22/cl	-7/18/sn	-8/16/sf

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 2/9	2°C	-10°C	0.3 mm
Sunday 2/8	3°C	-5°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 2/7	6°C	-6°C	5.6 mm
Friday 2/6	-2°C	-14°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 2/5	-12°C	-31°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 2/4	-11°C	-22°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 2/3	-6°C	-15°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	7:19 a.m./5:38 p.m.	9:46 p.m./8:26 a.m.
Fri.	7:18 a.m./5:39 p.m.	10:58 p.m./9:47 a.m.
Sat.	7:16 a.m./5:41 p.m.	none/9:09 a.m.
Sun.	7:15 a.m./5:42 p.m.	12:08 a.m./9:35 a.m.
Mon.	7:13 a.m./5:44 p.m.	1:16 a.m./10:06 a.m.
Tues.	7:12 a.m./5:45 p.m.	2:20 a.m./10:44 a.m.
Wed.	7:10 a.m./5:47 p.m.	3:19 a.m./11:29 a.m.

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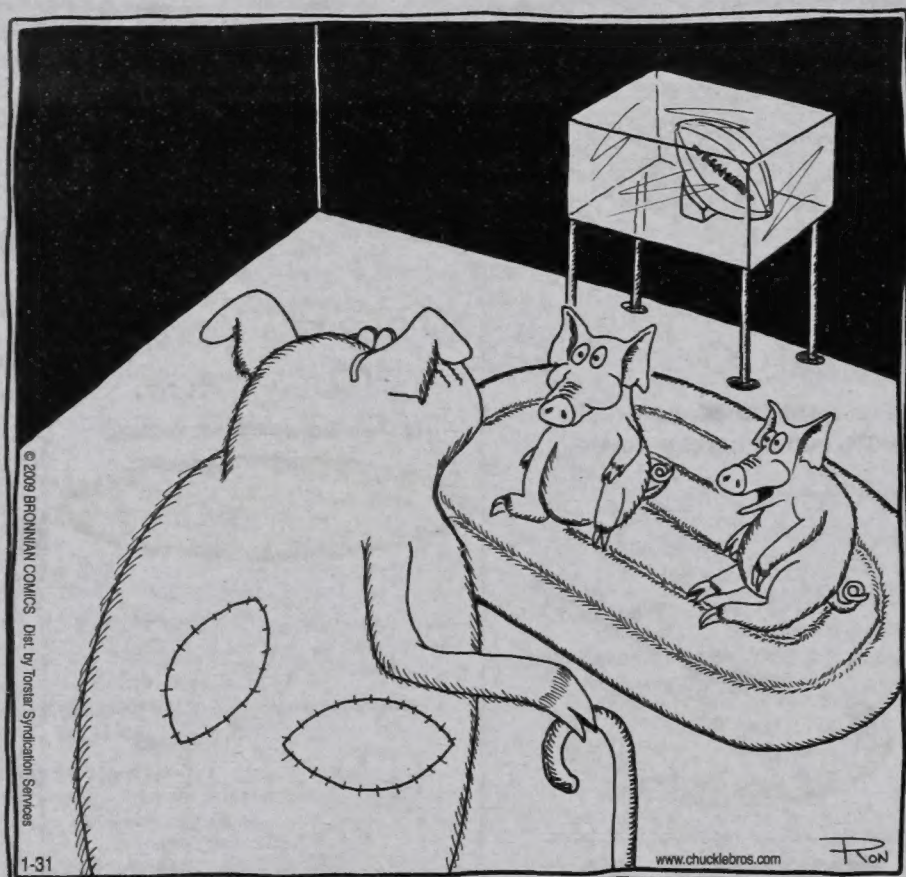
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor,

Re: Letter to the Editor from Marilynne Lesperance

The Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., in conjunction with an Insurance Company, did a mailing of the exact same survey several years ago with the intention of determining how people plan for one of the hardest things anyone must face, a death of a loved one as quoted on that survey and you were under no obligation for responding to that survey. Any person who responded was contacted by an agent of the Insurance Company and was asked if they were interested in learning about and possibly purchasing final expense insurance and if they were interested an appointment was made and if they declined so be it.

The product that was offered was an excellent tool for pre-funding funeral expenses but it wasn't long before our firm realized that there were problems. Problems such as clients who were feeling intimidated and pressured into buying insurance; agents revisiting clients and informing them that funeral costs have risen and therefore they were under insured; unscheduled visits by agents pressuring them into further financial obligations; health questions breezed through by the agents without fully disclosing the ramifications; cancellation rights of client, forfeiture of policies, withholding fees; elderly abuse of certain clientele to the point of them having multiple policies etc.

Those were some of the concerns that we had to address but unfortunately there were many more. It was to the point that we dreaded taking calls from clients of this insurance company who had issues, questions and concerns. It seemed that their agents would do anything and say anything to close a policy, then unfortunately, our firm would be contacted by these dissatisfied clients and ended up doing all the back-tracking, apologizing, and mending of the fences in effort to keep these families as clients of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.

Our firm officially notified this insurance company of our problems and concerns to no avail and respectfully terminated any agreements. Our firm indicated that we would will honour any assigned policies of existing clients but we could no longer promote or endorse their products.

We are sorry that Mrs. Lesperance had to go through this needless experience and that she wasn't treated and respected in a manner that would encourage any potential client to purchase the product that this agent was offering. If anyone has any questions or concerns about this survey or product, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help.

Our firm, which has been in the Funeral Business for almost 35 years, believes in full disclosure when we are trying to educate and promote any product we offer so that our clients have the confidence to make an informed decision based on factual information. We take pride in the fact that we go above and beyond what is expected of us by our families.

Barry A. Cray and Kirsten L. Monk

Owners of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden. ■

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Twenty One More Days of Politics Politics Politics

Guaranteed: A Fight to the Finish



Now that all four parties have nominated their candidates for the March 5th Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock by-election it's clear that at least three of them feel they have a realistic shot at the big prize. The riding has been staunchly Conservative since 1994, but for the previous 19 years it was held for 15 of those years by Liberal John Eakins, and the remaining four by the NDP. The split between the Reform Party and the then Progressive Conservatives allowed the Liberals to win three consecutive federal elections between 1993 and 2000, but that split never manifested itself at the provincial level, mainly due to the strong Reform leanings of the Mike Harris-led provincial Conservatives.

So, there is at least a winning history in the riding provincially for the Conservatives, Liberals, and the NDP. The Greens have run candidates twice provincially, and received just over seven percent of the vote in 2007, but even their most ardent supporters aren't predicting a win just yet.

This by-election was called when incumbent Conservative Laurie Scott resigned to make way for John Tory, the party leader who was defeated in 2007 in Don Mills. This calculated gamble has angered many Conservatives and non-Conservatives alike who had a sincere fondness and respect for Ms. Scott, and has apparently galvanized supporters of the rival parties. Liberal Rick Johnson is running hard, is well funded, and has the complete support of the party hierarchy. Any thought that Premier Dalton McGuinty would give John Tory an easy ride has vanished: in fact the Liberals seem to be more energized and optimistic than at any time since the heyday of John Eakins in the 1970s and 80s. Johnson is a polished performer, has been a successful school board trustee, has run provincially once before, and is running a careful, high-road campaign.

As reported on Page 1 of this issue, the NDP actually had a full slate of candidates vying to run, unlike the other three parties. The winner, Lyn Edwards, is a popular and energetic union leader who is planning an aggressive and well-funded campaign. The NDP's Howard Hampton has only a few weeks remaining as leader of his party, but that didn't deter him from driving to Lindsay last Sunday to attend the nomination meeting and fire up the troops, further proof that the party believes it can win.

And this week the Concerned Conservatives of Ontario, a rump group devoted to unseating John Tory from the party's leadership, published a poll showing that almost 70 percent of the 500 people surveyed in the riding thought that it was a mistake for Laurie Scott to give up her seat. Worse, from Tory's point of view, almost half of the respondents said that Tory's candidacy would make them less likely to vote Conservative in the by-election. The same number also thought that if he indeed did win this time, he should still find another riding to call home in 2011.

As we've mentioned many times in this space, Haliburton has been generally well served both provincially and federally by our elected officials and our tradition of local representation is strong and deep. Anyone who's met John Tory can attest to how outgoing and pleasant a man he is: but if you had to invent a true blue Toronto Conservative stereotype, you'd only have to look up his bio. In addition, he's only a year and half removed from his disastrous provincial campaign, highlighted by his politically deadly decision to extend the funding of faith-based schools.

If Tory loses, his political career is surely over. So fasten your seatbelts – March 5th is surely going to be a very interesting night in Haliburton's political history. ■

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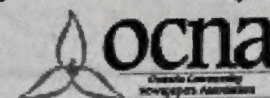
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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

"Here we have the apparent need for a leader to have a seat in the Legislature trumping that local concern."

Voters should reconsider their opposition to electoral reform as proposed by the referendum question of Oct. 2007.

First, if the proposal were implemented a resignation and by-election as now would probably be unnecessary. A party leader could be the first candidate to be chosen from any party's list if the leader did not succeed in a local riding.

Secondly, one of the objections to the proposal centered around concern for the link between an M.P.P. and some local riding. Here we have the apparent need for a leader to have a seat in the Legislature trumping that local concern.

Thirdly, concerns were raised about 'backroom operatives' having too much influence on the formulation of a party list. It appears, however, that Laurie Scott herself will become a 'backroom operative'. It should be apparent that paid party staff are necessary and need not have a sinister influence if their role and powers are carefully described perhaps by provisions in the election act.

Lastly, there were concerns raised about the complexity of the proposed system with two halves of the ballot. People should know that the electoral system that conferred leadership status on John Tory was also somewhat involved. Actually, there was an element of proportionality in it. Other parties have involved leadership election rules.

The issue of electoral reform should be prominent in this by-election.

Regards, Jim Milne ■

Dear Editor:

"...do we really need the Library addition which rumour has it is way over budget?"

I find it very disturbing how Council can always dance around the problems that they themselves have caused, and point the blame to another area, such as the River Kings. It's troubling to me that when Minden finally gets something that we can all enjoy and support, Council down plays it.

It seems they would rather waste hundreds of thousands of dollars on things that are not for local people such as the River Walk that can only be used in the summer, and do we really need the Library addition which rumour has it is way over budget?

Why not get to reality and stop worrying about the wages of the workers and the cost of the River Kings (which if properly promoted would make money) and let's make public the wages of council for all the monies and the benefits they receive from the Tax Payers. Stop having all these closed door sessions that they have to cover up their own mistakes and make themselves look good to the public.

Tell all these groups who want things like Library expansion, River Walk with a bridge, and a snowmobile bridge they can have it as soon as they pay for it. And finally I would like to say let's have some representation for the locals that were born and raised here as well as our new locals and seasonals.

Scott Gartshore
Minden. ■

Dear Editor:

"Negotiations are about fairness"

Misleading statements made to the media by David Clegg, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario oblige the Ontario Public School Boards' Association to restate the facts. Everyone who is concerned about student success and safety in Ontario's elementary schools needs to know what OPSBA proposed in these negotiations. Our proposal focused additional resources on improving student achievement and on providing secure and safe learning environments. Our proposal would have provided higher salaries and more preparation time for teachers. Our proposal offered schools the peace, stability and confidence in continued progress that strengthens public education for students and staff.

The original Ministry Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) agreement was faithfully reflected in the OPSBA Proposal to ETFO. It included a three per cent annual salary increase for four years, compounding to 12.55 per cent by 2012, more teachers to improve class sizes, more teachers to improve student programs and more teachers to provide more planning time for existing teachers, PLUS improvements in benefits and other working conditions for English public elementary teachers.

David Clegg claims that ETFO's proposal met the government's financial parameters. This is not true. In a letter issued to the media on December 17, Education Minister Kathleen Wynne confirmed that ETFO's demands far exceeded the funding provided in the Provincial Discussion Table agreement.

"The ETFO final proposal was not mutually agreed to by the parties and was not within the financial parameters established by the Ministry," said Minister Wynne. "OPSBA did raise legitimate concerns about the financial implications created by ETFO's final proposal. The only agreement that the Ministry would have endorsed was one that was mutually agreed upon by both parties and within the financial parameters established by the Ministry."

ETFO's final offer would have cost at least \$463 million more over 5 years than had already been agreed to by the three other Provincial Teachers' Unions.

David Clegg also accuses OPSBA of contract "strips" - an inflammatory term that implies removing benefits and reducing salary. Collective agreements do not just deal with monetary issues such as salary. They deal with a variety of working conditions which determine how teachers spend their time during the school day. The kinds of things OPSBA wanted to address, that the union refers to as "strips", include the following:

- Clarifying the provincial law which requires teachers to be present and available to their students in their classrooms or teaching areas 15 minutes before the start of classes in the morning and 5 minutes before classes start in the afternoon
- Giving principals a reasonable say in how teachers would have used some of their new preparation time during the school day when they are not teaching their students
- Allowing principals the ability to provide reasonable amounts of teacher professional development after classes are let out, so that student

instructional time is not disrupted

•In unusual situations, ensuring that principals will be able to depart from scheduled teacher supervision assignments in order to ensure student safety

These are reasonable requests unequivocally related to student safety and student achievement.

It does not matter how many times ETFO proclaims that their proposal was within the funding requirements of the Province—the simple fact is that it is not. We have estimated that the ETFO agreement would cost Boards approximately \$463 million dollars in excess of the PDT funding over 5 years. Since the Ministry will not fund outside of the agreed upon financial parameters, our local public boards would have to bear the extra \$463 million dollars. This would have caused many, if not all, public school boards to be in a deficit position.

ETFO's letter suggests a so-called "giving up" of 3 percent of salary in the last year of the collective agreement. Although ETFO has characterized this move as creating a significant saving, the "front-end loading" of ETFO's proposed higher percentages in years two and three would have wiped out any savings. In fact, under the ETFO proposal, teachers would still have received the same total amount of money over the 4 years of the contract as if they would have received had they been given the 3 per cent a year proposed by the Ministry.

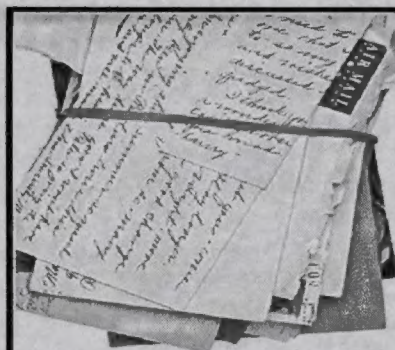
These phantom "savings" were then supposed to "fund" thirty more minutes of preparation time per teacher beginning in 2011-12 at an unfunded cost to Boards of \$106 million over 4 years and a further unfunded cost to Boards of \$190 million per year beginning in 2012-13.

We are dismayed that ETFO would threaten to initiate strike votes given that ETFO's leadership had every opportunity to sign a provincial agreement that would support student success and public education.

The interests of our students must continue to remain the first priority for all parties - there can be no disruption to their education. This is what parents expect of us and what students deserve.

Loralea Carruthers

Vice President, Ontario Public School Boards' Association ■



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Dysart Budget Cont'd...

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Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

recent increases in assessment.

The first draft was presented to Council on February 5th, when McKelvey reported an estimated deficit of \$100,000 which will be covered from the Working Capital Reserve. She also advised Council that staff had gone to great lengths to put forward a budget that has already been trimmed substantially.

This draft represented the 2008 levy, plus growth related taxes of \$69,454. Even with the growth related taxes the budget still represented a shortfall of \$85,520 or an increase to the municipal tax levy of 1.9 percent.

It's not all bad news however, as McKelvey reported that, when combined with the County and education taxes, the total tax levy for residential properties will decrease overall by approximately 7.16 percent, which will go a long way to help cushion recent assessment increases which average 9.85 percent.

Council first reviewed their Roads Department budget as it represented the area where there was the biggest amount of flexibility. Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson reviewed the proposed highlights of the 2009 construction season which included double surface treatment on Mountain and Unicorn, culvert replacement and ditching on Kennisis Lake Road, culverts, ditching and new surface treatment on Peninsula Drive, drainage repairs on Percy Lake Road, culverts and surface treatment on Bayshore Road, surface repairs on Blue Herron Road and surface repair/slurry seal on Harmony Road.

Capital works also include bridge design and construction as well as the purchase of a tandem truck (which was approved last year for delivery in 2009) a steamer, rotary broom and minor equipment.

Council made no further cuts to the roads budget and authorized Nicholson to proceed with necessary tendering.

Council then moved into discussions about the draft Sewer Budget, something that Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested was a 'painful topic for the users.' Fearrey said that two things had happened that contributed to a \$19,000 deficit in 2008 and will affect 2009 rates. First, revenue for anticipated capital connections didn't come to fruition, creating a shortfall. Another considerable factor is that the method used for disposing of sludge has become much more complicated requiring that it be transferred.

McKelvey also attributed increases to reserves not being available to fund capital costs in 2008 and increased contract costs for both the operator and for biosolid management.

Fearrey said, "To make this budget self sufficient would mean an increase of 25 percent." An increase of that magnitude has been deferred and the budget proposes an increase for usage of 9.3 percent resulting in the ERU charge changing from \$430.00 to \$470.00 with the same rate increase for metered users. Capital expenditures have been reduced substantially to help cushion the need for increases and a transfer of almost \$45,000 is being proposed as a loan out of reserves.

Fearrey said that there was no way around this increase as the fee structure is legislated.

McKelvey advised Council that a public meeting would be required with respect to the fees and recommended that any new or proposed changes to fees be included for discussion with the public at the same time. Council agreed.

The most painful part of Council's discussion came during a review of grants and donations. Council accepted their commitment

to Community Care and to Point in Time for the Wilberforce After School Program. A number of other requests were made, and Council agreed that all of them had merit. This had to be balanced against the need to make significant reductions in the rest of the budget. Strong arguments were made about the Museum, the Rail's End Gallery and many other smaller requests for donations. Council also considered whether or not a cushion or contingency fund should be left for considerations later in the year.

Fearrey said, "We're in a tie position over the smallest portion of the budget, but it is actually representative of the whole budget." Council agreed that there would be no contingency fund for any donations throughout the year as it would be too difficult to choose who might be a recipient in a manner that would be fair to everyone.

Other grants and donations that were approved included (after reductions) \$53,000 for the Rails End Gallery, \$82,000 for the Museum, and funds for the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association, Head Lake Trail Committee, the Soccer Club, the West Guilford Baptist Church and operating funds and repairs to the West Guilford Community Centre. A previous commitment to Creative Clusters for \$5,000 was approved but additional funding that was requested several months ago was not included in the budget.

Council were in general agreement that when funding requests were made by outside groups they would give greater consideration to supporting and helping to kick start new groups or new events.

McKelvey advised Council that in the General Government portion of the budget, no allowance had been made to purchase laptop computers for members of Council (Council is moving toward a fully electronic agenda package and the purchase of laptops is something that has been under discussion for months.) She said that she had also removed funding previously available for the Municipal Christmas party and golf tourney, along with some advertising. Administrative staff training costs were also reduced in efforts to assist with the high cost of meeting new accessibility standards.

Fearrey voiced his strong opposition to the taxpayers having to buy computers for each Council member. He said, "I don't agree with this purchase and I don't like the thought of sitting here looking at a computer while I'm supposed to be talking to people." As Council has the ability to review the agendas at home prior to the meetings and to view them on a screen during the meeting, it was agreed that there would be no purchase of computers.

Council was unable to complete their discussions but expect to finalize the budget during their March meeting.

Fearrey later said, "We still have some areas to look at, and at this point, I don't think we will be able to meet our expectations." He confirmed that the Municipality would be looking at a 1.9 percent increase over last year's actual expenditures. He said "We're still looking at a decrease to the overall residential tax rate of almost 8 percent and will be able to reduce the impact of the new assessment laid out by MPAC to most residential and seasonal waterfront properties.

Look for finalized Dysart budget numbers sometime in March. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"We will bring in about \$40,000 in revenue to the Minden Arena this year."

As the head coach of the Minden RiverKings I would like to thank all of the people who have supported the team this year. We are coming up to the end of our regular season and as a first year franchise we have guaranteed a play off spot. As it stands at this time we will play the Elliot Lake, Bobcats in the first round.

We have received a lot of support from the community. People who have come out to the games have come back again and again. I have been told by many fans that the hockey is very good. We have seen a steady increase in the amount of fans that are showing up.

Twelve players from last season were picked up by Division 1 and 3 schools or pro leagues. I have had many conversations with representatives from the most sought after schools in North America and they have commented on the quality and quantity of players they have recruited from the GMHL. College and University programs from around the world have recruited players from the league and have informed me that they are very impressed with the development of young hockey players that come through the ranks of the GMHL.

Brett Meyers is one of the players in this year's GMHL that is getting a lot of attention. Brett has received interest from some of the biggest and best college and university programs in North America. Brett is leading the league in scoring and has a great shot at winning the league MVP. He will go on to play for a top ranking school somewhere in the USA next year; he only has to decide which one.

Hailing from Minnesota, Brett has come a long way to play hockey at this level. Brett is only one of many players on our team who have come here from other countries. We have players from as far away as Australia. Early in the season we had a player from Austria who was signed to a pro contract and went back to finish his year in the Austrian pro leagues.

Some of our local players have come back from programs throughout Europe to play hockey in this league. We currently have seven local players on our team and they are definitely making an impact.

In the short time that the league has been in existence, (3 years) it has developed many good young players that have gone on to College, University or a pro league. The GMHL is committed to the development of young hockey players so they may get an opportunity to go on to the next level.

The team and league are good for our community. We will bring in about \$40,000 in revenue to the Minden Arena this year. This is from Ice rentals and money brought into the snack bar at our games. This does not include special events or summer camps. We have players that come from all over the world to stay here and these kids input about \$140,000 per year in revenue to our community, not to mention the money that their families bring in when they come to visit.

In closing I would like to say that we hope the community will continue to support us and come out to our games. We are proud to be a part of this community and would like to be here for many years. Come to a game and see for yourself. We think you will be impressed with the level of hockey being played at the GS Nesbit community centre.

Thank you
Brooks Robinson, Head Coach
Minden River Kings ■

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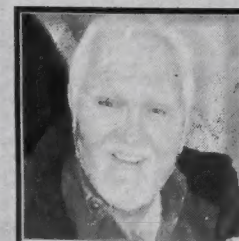
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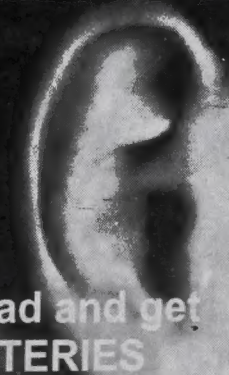
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Highlands East Leads the Pack

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Staff Reporter

"We will continue to work toward a reduction in levies that will, if possible, equal the average increase in assessment to residential properties." (Dave Burton)

Highlands East may have followed a rocky path from time to time, but in the case of financing they appear to be in excellent condition, even leading the pack in the County when it comes to their year end position and outlook for next year. At their first budget meeting on Monday, CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig was able to report that the Municipality would be in a healthy surplus position at the end of 2008.

Stoughton-Craig attributed the surplus at year end primarily to an \$80,000 policing credit as well as almost \$100,000 in supplementary taxes (taxes from development growth or additional assessment picked up as a result of an extensive review of developments was completed by staff throughout the year).

This was the Highlands East Council's first review of their budget and it is still in the preliminary stages, so it is impossible to say at this time exactly what the final impact will be. What was apparent is that every department had not only managed to present their individual budgets with no increases other than a three percent wage and benefit increase, but most had reduced anticipated spending.

Stoughton-Craig said, "All of the departmental budgets have been reduced overall. This does take into consideration the fact that last year the municipality received approximately \$670,000 in surplus funds from the provincial government which we used for various projects across the board." However, she also said that the reductions in expenses would be offset to some extent by reduced revenues that she anticipates will be the case this year. She said, "Last year our revenues were offset by a \$500,000 plus surplus from the previous year, something that we won't be able to enjoy this year."

When asked what she might forecast for tax rates for 2009, Stoughton-Craig said she is still a little nervous about the number of reconsiderations and appeals that may be approved as a result of the new assessments. She said that the municipality had been receiving a lot of letters of concern about the assessments. She said she has also heard a number of reports of successful reconsiderations through MPAC.

"We'll be providing several scenarios for Council's consideration at the next budget meeting on

March 12th," she said. "If the municipality budgets the same net amount as last year, combined with the new assessments, tax rates will drop." The Highlands East budget last year, including capital improvements for roads was \$6,056,510. According to Stoughton-Craig, given the draft departmental budgets for 2009, the budget for the year will either be on par or slightly less than 2008.

Stoughton-Craig said that she prefers to take an extremely cautious approach to financing to ensure that the Municipality doesn't go into a deficit position at any time.

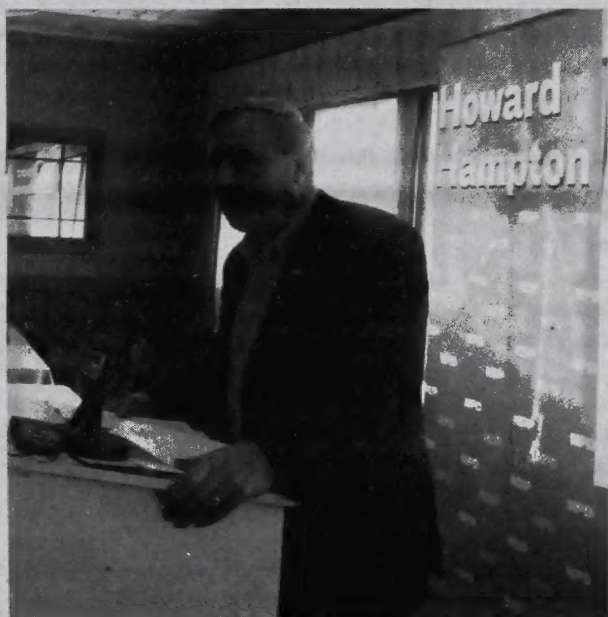
Some of the highlights to the budget include three new half ton trucks (fire, building & roads), a new tandem plough truck, a tag-a-long trailer and approximately 12.9 kilometres of slurry seal on the roads (if money is received from the province). Council will also be setting aside funds for the 2010 election and for the Official Plan update.

When Environmental/Property Supervisor Glen Covert brought his budgets forward for property, landfills, water and sewer, Reeve Dave Burton said, "I've got my scissors and black marker out to make reductions," but even though Burton actually had a pair of scissors in his hands, no cuts were deemed necessary. Highlights in this area, over and above continued repairs and minor capital improvements to facilities, included expansion of the Monmouth and Mumford landfills. It should be noted that without an expansion this year, the Monmouth landfill will have to be closed and become a transfer station.

Reeve Dave Burton said, "There is no doubt that the staff have worked hard to this point particularly given these economic times. I'm very pleased with what they presented and hope to continue to work towards a possible reduction in levies that will, if at all possible, equal the average increase in assessment to residential properties." ■

Hampton Rallies the Troops for By-Election

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leading members of the Rotman School of Management, Dean Roger Martin, and Richard Florida, Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the School. The report calls for a "creativity oriented" economy, with an emphasis on massive investments in early childhood education and post-secondary graduates, among other things. "This so-called new economy is really just for the urban elites," said Hampton. "It's not going to do anything for the farmers, the miners, manufacturing sector employees and their families. It reminds me of the stuff Robert Reich was writing in the early 1990s about the new information age. That was before the bubble burst, of course."

Hampton also took a few swipes at Conservative leader and candidate John Tory, whom he called "the biggest political tourist in Ontario history - he's tried to win in so many ridings that you have to admit his political baggage is really impressive. And I saw a picture of him campaigning here the other day - in a blue and white Toronto Maple Leafs jersey. But if I was campaigning here, I'd be wearing a Lindsay Muskies jersey, I'll tell you that."

Hampton's focus, however, was squarely on the Liberals, and he clearly believes that Lyn Edwards and the NDP can pull off an upset in the riding. Edwards is a strong unionist, an administrative assistant at the Kawartha Lakes Fire Department, and has been actively involved in CUPE local 855 since she first became a Municipal employee some 17 years ago. As CUPE local President she led last summer's strike against the City of Kawartha Lakes, with the strong support of her membership. She's a mother of four (ages 19 to 30) and a grandmother to two more. "I believe in fighting for the jobs and rights of all the people in this riding. The McGuinty inaction on the economy is shameful - and I want to go to Queen's Park to do something about it. We need to send the Liberals a message, and I want to be the one to deliver it. As for Mr. Tory, it's simply shameful that he's willing to spend a half million dollars of the taxpayers' money just so someone from Toronto can represent Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock. It's just shameful."

Also in the audience was CUPE Ontario President Sid Ryan, a strong supporter of Lyn Edwards. In an interview with the Voice Ryan reiterated Hampton's conviction that the riding is winnable. "I really think John Tory is in a lot of trouble. He never should have come here in the first place, and with his party so divided he just should have retired - he's a nice enough guy, but his party's treating him badly. I think we can win here - don't forget that the NDP is a very strong by-election party, we do very well in them. We are committing all the resources and people necessary to get out the vote, and we have an excellent candidate in Lyn Edwards. This isn't going to be any cake-walk for anyone."

So now there are four candidates in the race: the Liberals' Rick Johnson, the Conservatives' John Tory, the Greens' Mike Schreiner, and now the NDP's Lyn Edwards. With just three short weeks of campaigning left, it should be a knock-em-down battle right to the wire. ■



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Outdoor Movie "Snow Dogs"	Head Lake Park	5:00 - 7:30 pm
Presented by Cottage Dreams		
Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide	Head Lake Park	5:00 - 9:00 pm
Hot Chocolate	Head Lake Park	5:00 - 9:00 pm
Presented by the Guides		\$1.00
Torchlight Parade	Head Lake Park	7:00 pm
Presented by The HCSA		
Complimentary Curling Seminar	Haliburton Curling Club	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Playback Theatre	Rails End Gallery	7:00 pm
		\$5.00
Saturday, February 14th		
Pancake Breakfast	Legion	8:00 am - Noon
Presented by Haliburton Lions Club		\$5.00
Haliburton Highlands	Delta Pinestone	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Dog Sled Derby	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Snow Painting	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Presented by Jennifer Wanless Craig & Terry Craig		
Art Attack Summer Building & 20 People	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Presented by Fleming College		
Skating Demonstrations	Head Lake Skating Rink	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Presented by Haliburton Figure Skating Club		(bring skates)
Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Ice Sculpture Demonstrations	Head Lake Park & Haliburton Village	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Mike Mull & Friends		
Snack Car	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hot Drinks/Hot Dogs/Smores/Beaver Tails		
Presented by Rails End Gallery		
Snow Shoe Demonstrations	Head Lake Park	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Presented by Sharpley's		
Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides	Head Lake Park	Noon - 3:00 pm
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Snowshoe Holey Race & Games	Head Lake Park	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Presented by YMCA Camp Wanakita		
Children's Dog Sled Rides	Head Lake Park	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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Meet the Artist	Rails End Gallery	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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Saturday, February 14th		
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Murray Scott Memorial	Miskwabi Lake	7:30 am
Fishing Derby		\$20.00 per person
Presented by Haliburton Outdoors Association		(no license required)
Haliburton Highlands	Delta Pinestone	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Dog Sled Derby	Head Lake Park	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Learn to Curl	Haliburton Curling Club	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
	(bring clean running shoes)	
Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt	Meet at High School	10:00 am - Start
Presented by The HCSA		
Art Attack Summer Building & 20 People	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Presented by Fleming College		
Skating Demonstrations	Head Lake Skating Rink	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Presented by Haliburton Figure Skating Club		(bring skates)
5/10 Pin Bowling on Ice	Head Lake	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Presented by Trails & Tours		
Ice Sculpture Demonstrations	Head Lake Park & Haliburton Village	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Mike Mull & Friends		
Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Group Art Exhibition:	Rails End Gallery	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Rural Routes		
Snack Car	Head Lake Park	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hot Drinks/Hot Dogs/Smores/Beaver Tails		
Presented by Rails End Gallery		
Jamaican Dogpile Team	Head Lake Park	11:00 am
Meet & Greet		
Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides	Head Lake Park	Noon - 2:00 pm
Presented by BIA		
Snowshoe Holey Race & Games	Head Lake Park	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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Pony Rides with	York Street	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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Sledders Ride for ALS

Over \$20,000 Raised to Help Find a Cure and Assist Those Coping with Harsh Disease

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a destructive neurodegenerative disease that progressively paralyzes a person by degenerating their upper and lower motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord. Also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, the condition can strike anyone, at any time, without any determinable reason. An estimated 2,500 – 3,000 Canadians are currently living with this relentless and fatal condition that has no known cure.

In April of 2008, one of Canada's most well-known and well liked personalities in snowmobiling and off-road television, John Massingberd, was struck with the debilitating disease at the age of 52.

Last Thursday, many friends, family and co-workers of John's travelled to the Delta Pine-stone Resort in Haliburton to not only honour a remarkable man's life, but raise over \$20,000 to help find a cure for ALS. Over 100 riders came out for the John Massingberd Invitational ALS Snow Ride.

Over the course of the three-day fundraiser that wrapped up on Sunday, participants went sledding in the county, purchased items at silent and live auctions at the resort, bought ALS T-shirts and decals, and reminisced over their fondest memories of John who was the founder and executive producer of Snow Trax Television and Dirt Trax Television.

Those responsible for organizing the successful fundraiser were members of Team Vincent MotorSports Inc., a dealer of new and used off-road vehicles in Ayr, Ontario.

On their first evening at the resort, The Voice mingled with the group to hear what those closest to John had to say about him and his courageous battle with ALS.

"John made so many friends in his life," said Teri Vincent of Vincent Motorsports. "When you were around him, he made you feel important. He was one of the good guys."



Heather Snell has a conversation through her laptop with Paul Massingberd about ALS and his late brother's life.

"I'd like to challenge everyone to learn that facts about ALS and share that information with others." – Heather Snell, sufferer of ALS and fund raiser

John's youngest brother Paul Massingberd (49) also showed up and spoke about some of the early warning signs he and others saw that indicated something was awry with his brother.

"It first started with slurred speech," explained Paul.

The disease rapidly took over John's life, depriving him of his ability to move and effectively communicate with others.

"He also had a form of dementia in combination with ALS. He ended up completely losing his ability to speak and had to use gestures to communicate," Paul added.

In December of last year, John passed away from ALS, five months after initially being diagnosed with the disease.

John, who was known as a humorous and fun-loving kind of guy, began his career in broadcasting in the 1980's when he established Promark Motorsports International and Raceline Motorsport Television. In 1993, he founded Raceline Radio, Canada's first nationally syndicated motorsport radio program, featuring Canadian racing talent. Raceline Radio is now in its 16th year and is the most widely syndicated national motorsport radio program in Canada.

He went on to launch Snow Trax Television a year later and in 2004 started Dirt Trax Television. Both still run strong today and are televised in Canada and the U.S.

ALS is something that can strike males and females (though it is more common in males), those of any ethnic origin and age. Its usual onset is in those middle-aged, but there have been cases in which teenagers have been diagnosed.

According to the ALS Society of Canada, eighty per cent of those diagnosed will die within the first two to five years. Less than 10 per cent of all ALS cases are hereditary, leaving the remaining 90 per cent of cases unknown as to how they came about. ALS is also the most common form of neurological death in Canada.

Heather Snell, a close friend of the owners of Vincent Motorsport and another sufferer of ALS, came out for the weekend with her husband Bob to take part in the fundraiser that benefited a cause she's been a strong advocate for since her own diagnoses in 2006, when she was 43.

Though unable to speak or eat on her own, Heather has become an exceptionally proficient communicator with the laptop she uses to have conversations with others. Equipped with a positive approach to life and her intellect intact, Heather has managed to raise awareness about the disease and over \$100,000 for research to help find a cure. Her Hootenanny for Hope, held at the fairgrounds in Paris, Ontario, is where most of these funds have been collected over the past two years.

On Thursday, Heather set time aside to have a brief chat with The Voice (through her computer) about her experiences with the crippling disease and how it's changed her and her family's life.

"Not being able to talk has been an interesting experience," she began typing. "Some people are very patient and others decide that you are mentally challenged, or possibly deaf."

Along with Bob, the two have three children, Ben (23), Stu (20) and Meagan (17). Heather admits that one of the things she misses most about not being able to speak are those daily discussions most parents have with their kids.

"I miss asking them how their day went," she typed.

When asked how her children have been dealing with the disease mom has faced for two years, Heather replied by saying they've come to understand it well.

"They appear to be taking it in stride but I'm sure that they have their moments. They take part in the Hootenanny during the summer and are great about helping me at home."

Heather's first Hootenanny fundraiser was held in August of 2007 in a century old barn, just outside the village of Ayr (near Cambridge). The event was expected to draw about 500 people, but those expectations were greatly surpassed when 2000 strong came out to show their support.

"That day we raised about \$40,000," noted Heather. "It was amazing."

Through it all, Bob has been by his wife's side during the good times and bad. He says that when he observes Heather struggle to do something that would have been second nature to her prior to developing ALS, it can be tough to deal with.

"You get frustrated when you see her have difficulty with some of the day-to-day things," he explained. "She used to be a piano teacher and accompany choirs and now she can't play at all."

Through her humanitarian work, Heather hopes to make more people in the public aware of what the disease is so that they can be more understanding of those around them who have it.

"I'd like to challenge everyone to learn that facts about ALS and share that information with others," she wrote. "Then maybe more money can be raised to find a cure and help care for those who have it. With this disease you lose the ability to do anything for yourself and the toll it takes on your caregiver(s) is tremendous."

All funds raised over the weekend will go directly to the ALS Society of Canada for patient care and research.

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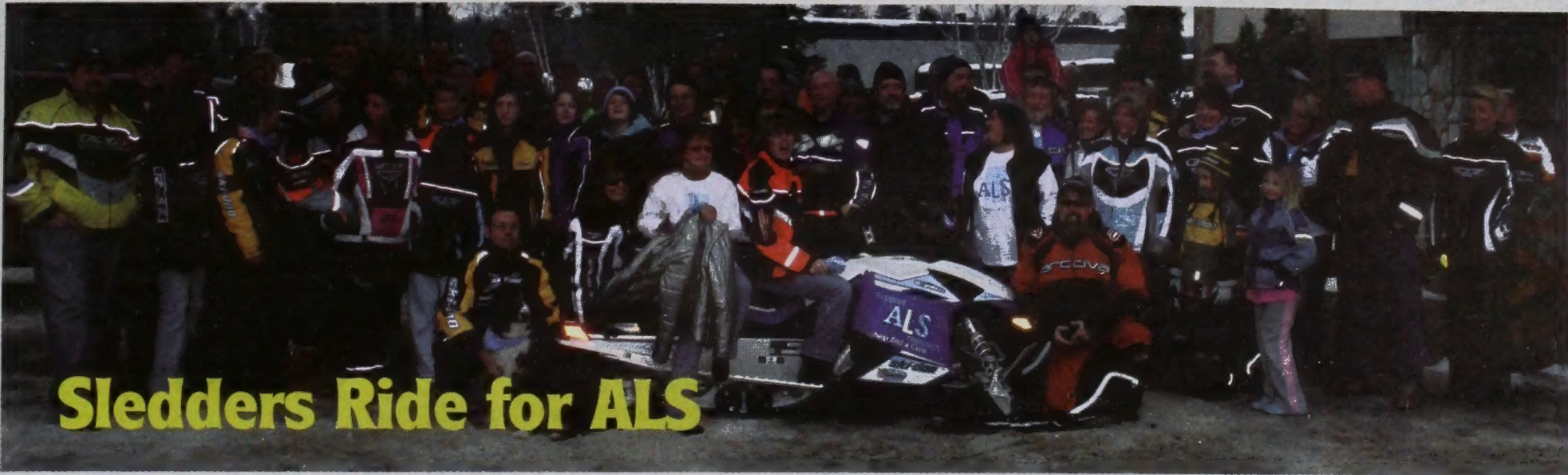
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Sledders Ride for ALS

The group of participants pose for a picture in front of the Delta Pinestone Resort, just before leaving for their Saturday morning ride for ALS.

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Canadian Tire Construction Delayed

Stephen Patrick
Editor



“... but we are fully committed to the project”

Canadian Tire has announced a delay in the construction of a new store on Highway 35 in Minden due to construction costs. The news came just a week after crews began to dismantle the old Brown Owl service station. Canadian Tire Chief Communications Officer Lisa Gibson confirmed the delay to The Voice, but said the company has absolutely no plans to cancel the project. “This is not in any

way the end of the project. We full expect to build the store, but the new site plan has meant extra construction costs for us, and has necessitated a review.” Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon was relieved that published reports of the project’s demise were premature, to say the least. “We’re really pleased that Canadian Tire is determined to proceed. The new site plan has meant that the company has had to re-work the entire layout of the store, which will inevitably mean delays. But the store will be built, and as soon as possible. This is a multi-million dollar project, and we hope that the revenues and work will begin to flow very soon.” ■

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Harcourt Sawmill to Open this Spring

"We think there's no better place to make these pellets than right in Harcourt." (Frank Yantha)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Start up of the Greenview Wood Products sawmill in Harcourt might be a bit behind schedule, but the owner says work will get underway as soon as the snow is gone. Haliburtonians who were starting to wonder if the recession might quash the project or if there were other factors in play are being offered reassurances that not only are the mill and cogeneration venture a go, but there are plans afoot to expand the project.

On August 13th, Natural Resources Minister Donna Cansfield announced that the Ontario government would be supporting a plan to restart the old (Martin) sawmill and set up a four megawatt cogeneration operation. The partnership between Greenview and the Ontario Government has an estimated value of \$12.3 million dollars with the province providing a \$1.5 million dollar grant and a further \$2.4 million dollar loan guarantee for the project which is expected to generate as many as 30 permanent local jobs.

At the time of the announcement, Greenview's owner Frank Yantha estimated that work at the mill could start as early as September, but that was not to be. It has taken almost six months to finalize the paperwork. According to MNR's Manager of Investment Programs Wayne Barnes, their legal services department has been working with Greenview and the agreement is only now being completed. Barnes said, "We're hopeful that the mill will be starting up within the next six months." Yantha simply called it government red tape.

Yantha confirmed that the mill would start up in the spring. He said, "Parts and equipment are being prepared for shipment and should be here in April. Yantha also said that even though they would be bringing in a construction crew for the power plant they will be hiring locals in May and should be making electricity sometime in June.

In the meantime, Yantha hasn't been idle. He's looking into an expanded operation that will include a pellet mill. This plan is based on recent announcements by Premier Dalton McGuinty about a new Green Energy Act and Minister Cansfield about making forest bio-fibre more readily available.

Premier McGuinty says that Ontario is planning to modernize their electricity transmission system to make it more reliable and more able to accommodate renewable power. By enabling smart grid investments, the new bill will better equip the electricity grid to handle many smaller, renewable sources of energy and bring them online. The bill will expand Ontario's use of clean and renewable sources of energy such as wind, solar, hydro, biomass and biogas.

In mid January the Ontario government posted a request for proposals to enter into contracts for industrial companies capable of generating electricity and heat for industrial processes. Almost concurrent with this announcement, Cansfield announced that the province is taking the first steps in making additional sources of forest bio-fibre available, in efforts to aid Ontario's green agenda

and revitalize the forestry sector, something that should be good news for northern and rural Ontario.

"We've been working very closely with the Minister of Energy, looking for new direction for the forest industry and wood fibre," Cansfield said. Because wood pellets can be used to generate electricity, which Cansfield said would help Ontario move away from coal-operated plants, the province is testing the process with Ontario Power Generation.

Yantha said that the Ministry's announcement is the best thing he's heard in his lifetime. The province will be releasing a lot of low quality wood for energy projects, both for generating electricity and to make wood pellets. Yantha said that pellet stoves will be used more and more in the future and Ontario Hydro will be using the pellets to fire their generators. He said, "We think there's no better place to make these pellets than right in Harcourt."

When the Voice spoke with Yantha, he was on his way to view one of the biggest pellet mills in the world, located in Tallahassee.

"We already have the building. It's just a matter of bringing in the equipment. Pellet manufacturing will go hand in hand with our existing plans and we will be able to work on this additional project through the agreement we already have in place with the Ministry. Ontario Hydro plans to ship the pellets by water and we have access to shipping docks in Picton, so it would be a natural fit for us."

And as to the company's original plans, Yantha said Greenview is still planning to continue to make pallets and railroad ties. He said, "We'll be using a lot of private wood, but this new announcement by the Ministry will provide access to other sources of bio-fibre that was historically wasted."

Yantha said that the announcements made by Ontario Hydro to better accommodate renewable power and Cansfield's announcement about excess wood fibre are excellent for the area, and that local companies should take advantage of the opportunity.

When speaking about the delay he said, "I thought it would only take a month or two to get licences in place, but it has taken longer than expected to get things under way. I want to assure people in the area that things are still happening. We're going full guns and in fact will be doing more than anticipated and with the addition of a pellet mill we should be able to offer 18 jobs over and above what we originally anticipated.

"The bottom line is, we have an opportunity right here in our area. This hydro announcement is an indication of a very big market and there's no better place to get the material and manufacture the pellets than here locally. I can't even imagine how many jobs this will create, but one thing for sure is that Greenview wants to be on the list of potential suppliers."

Let's see what the spring thaw brings to Harcourt.■



Police Reports Thieves Steal Bike Rack From School

(Haliburton, ON.)—Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were called earlier this morning to investigate the theft of two metal bicycle racks from Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

Sometime over the weekend a silver pickup truck with two youths was observed loading two yellow metal bicycle racks into the truck. The bicycle racks are approximately 4 metres long.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122.

MNR Reports Unauthorized Work On Crown Land Is Costly

A Kirkfield man and a contractor from Tory Hill have been fined a total of \$2,500 for charges related to unauthorized work on public land.

William Roberts, 52, and contractor Kenneth (Duke) Townsend, 45, pleaded guilty to unlawfully depositing material on public lands. Roberts was fined \$500 and Townsend was fined \$2,000 as he was the contractor and had a previous warning for a similar offence.

Court was told that during the late summer of 2007, the two installed a water line at a camp occupied under a land use permit near Harcourt. Installation of the water line involved digging a trench approximately 200 metres to Hudson Lake. In addition to installing the water line, approximately 15 dump truck loads of gravel had been dumped to enlarge the parking area at the camp. None of this work, which had been done on public land, was authorized by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on February 5, 2009.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).■

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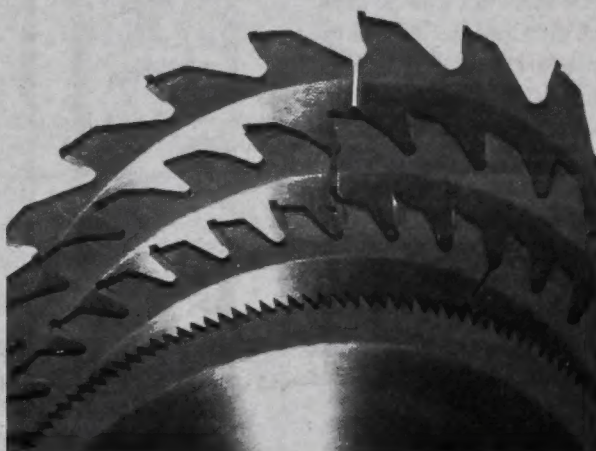
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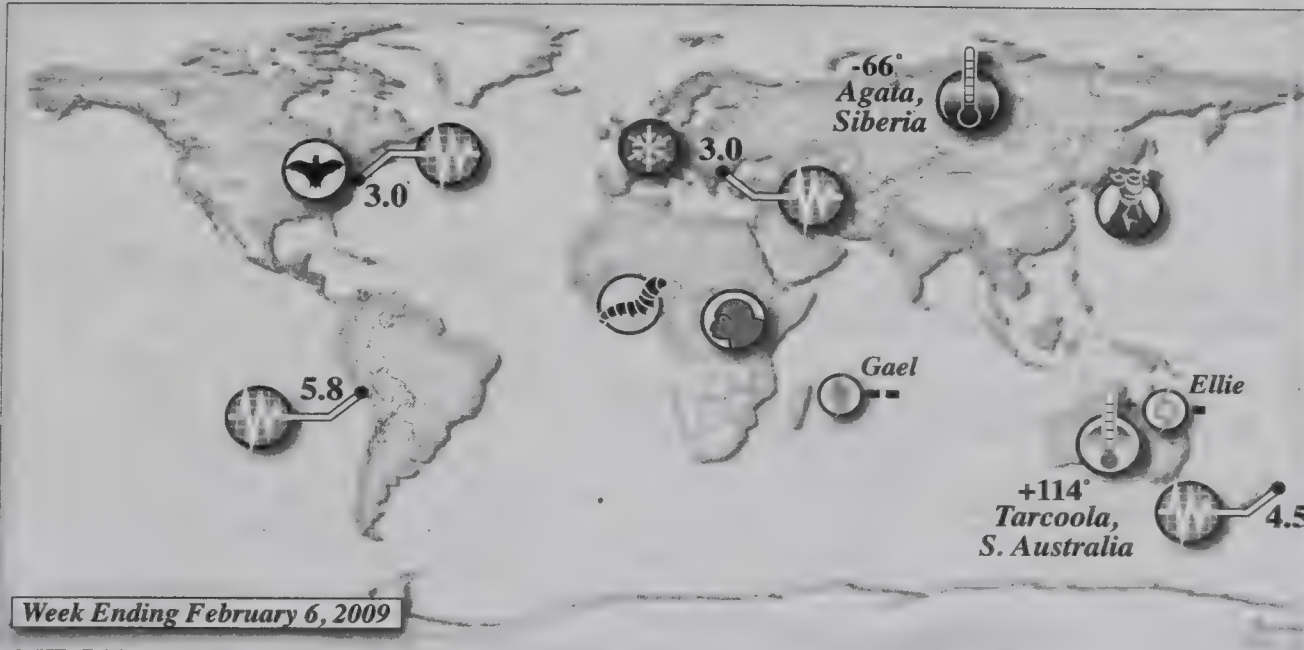
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newmar



Euro Blizzards

The worst snowstorm to strike Britain and other parts of Western Europe in 18 years brought travel chaos and kept many from venturing out to work on Monday. Nearly a foot of snow fell in parts of metropolitan London, where crews were unable to keep rail lines from being blocked by snowdrifts. The wintry conditions snarled traffic and caused accidents as far south as Spain and Italy. Some financial experts estimated the storm will cost the economy as much as \$5 billion in losses across Britain alone. London bookies were taking bets that this winter will be the coldest on record. The odds dropped from 12-1 to 8-1 as the Arctic freeze lingered.

Japanese Eruptions

Ash from Japan's Mount Asama rained down on Tokyo and as far away as the coast of eastern China after the volcano spewed smoke and debris more than a mile into the air. The eruption caused the ground to rumble and windows to shake in central Gunma and northern Nagano prefectures, where Asama straddles the border. Residents in cities and villages nearby were warned to be alert for flying rocks and ash. Children wore masks to school to prevent them from inhaling the volcanic debris.

Off southern Japan's Kyushu Island, Mount Sakurajima produced seven minor eruptions, throwing up rocks more than a mile into the air.

Earthquakes

A 5.8 magnitude jolt sent residents of southern coastal Peru rushing out of their homes.

Earth movements were also felt in New Zealand's Bay of Plenty region, southern Bulgaria and northern New Jersey.

Crawlers Identified

The culprits that have devastated vast tracts of crops and polluted water supplies in Liberia during recent weeks have been correctly identified after they were initially thought to have been army worms. The caterpillars of the moth *Achaea catocaloides* have driven tens of thousands of people from their homes after laying waste to their crops and making fresh water supplies undrinkable. Experts warned that these insects may turn out to be even more destructive than army worms, which can destroy entire fields of crops in a matter of days. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said \$1.2 million is needed to combat the spreading infestations. "Now that we have an accurate identification, we can choose a pesticide which is specific to this species of caterpillar," FAO entomologist Winfred Hammond told the BBC.

Bat Fungus Spreads

A deadly bat disease that was discovered just two winters ago in the northeastern United States has now been found affecting bats hibernating deep in a Pennsylvania iron mine. The discovery makes Pennsylvania the sixth state that has become affected by the mysterious fungal ailment, which poses no threat to humans. The *Morning Call* reports a citizen found dead bats outside the abandoned mine near Carbondale. Experts say the bats should not have emerged from hibernation for another six weeks. Bats affected by the "white-nose syndrome" have smudges of the white powdery fungus around their noses. While scientists know little of the disease, evidence suggests the disorder brings the bats out of winter hibernation early because the infection causes them to

use up their stored energy. They then go hunting for food in the dead of winter, eventually starving to death.

Tropical Cyclones

Some neighborhoods in northeastern Queensland were submerged beneath crocodile-infested water after heavy rainfall from Cyclone Ellie moved ashore from the Cora Sea. Ellie did not produce significant wind damage, but its remnant dumped as much as 14 inches of rain fall in some areas.

Cyclone Gael churned the Indian Ocean north of Reunion and Mauritius, threatening to skirt Madagascar late in the week.

Gorillas Rebound

Conservationists working with endangered mountain gorillas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo were relieved to find that the primates appear to be thriving despite their refuge being overrun by a rebel insurgency. The first census of the gorillas since Virunga National Park was seized by rebels in 2007 found that 10 babies have been born in the colony over the past 16 months. The park staff was allowed to return to conduct the head count through an unprecedented measure of cooperation between the insurgents and the administration of Congo's president Joseph Kabila. During the eight week census, rangers found that the area's mountain gorilla population had grown from 72 to 81, including the 10 new babies and two female not previously identified. Only about 720 mountain gorillas remain in the wild, with about 380 of those living in areas near Virunga.

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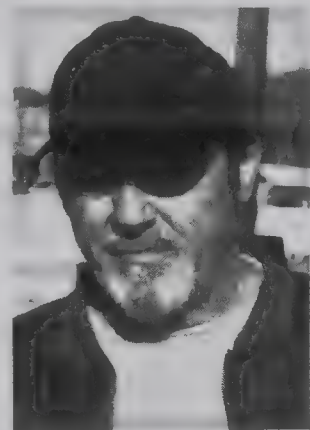
We asked people in Haliburton, "How do you or others you know feel about the recent numbers released on job losses in Canada? Are you worried and what are some of your suggestions to help fix the current situation?"



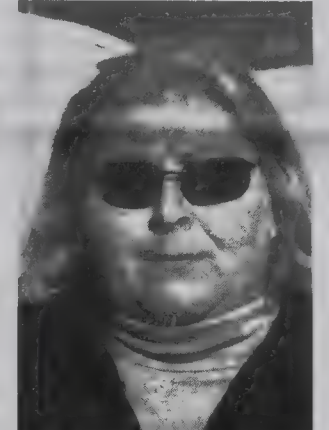
Dorene Nicholls, Gooderham – "It has everyone worried. It's so uncomfortable to see that so many people are losing their jobs in the state of this economy. One thing I'd like to see is more jobs available to people in Haliburton County. There have been a few businesses that have closed and nothing has come in to fill their place. I'd also like to see those high up, like members of Government, take a pay cut."



Garth Krieger, Haliburton Lake – "I'm retired, but there are a few people I know who are on the borderline. This worries everyone. I think that car prices need to drop, the cost of labour in the auto sector needs to drop, CEO's need to stop getting large payouts, gas prices need to stay down and everything in general needs to stay down."



Gunter Franke, Haliburton – "I'm self employed as a flat roofer and have been finding it difficult to get any help. It's a dirty job, but I used to have people phoning in asking for a job. Now that doesn't happen. Lately there hasn't been as much work, but I have some projects ahead of me. For a long time I've thought that the Government should introduce more apprenticeship programs for those who want to get into trade work."



Kelly Hatton, Koshlong Lake Rd. – "This winter hasn't been the greatest. We don't get people really spending money up here until spring. From a source of mine, I've heard that we'll be coming out of this situation soon. For now I guess we'll all just have to tighten up and ride the ride."

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Rural Routes Members' Show Draws Huge Crowd to Rails End Gallery

Ambiguity of Exhibit's Name Prompts a Confluence of Themed Art

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

So, when is a rural route not a destination, but a functioning foundation of old growth forest?

Well, when it's a rural root of course.

A nice riddle and quite possibly a strategically ambiguous parlay to Haliburton's Rails End Gallery's latest show which launched Saturday Jan 24th with a highly successful and well-attended two-hour opening reception. (The members-only exhibition Rural Routes runs from Jan 24 to Feb 21 at Rails End.)

Rural routes is the theme and it's an exhibition showcasing the unique and wide-ranging talents of a broad cross-section of local artists. It is also an all-encompassing, engrossing and pleasurable little trapeze through a bounteous bevy of local art.

Entry to the exhibit was open to all current members of Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre and the casting call for submissions ended in mid-January, giving exhibit designer Tiffany Howe plenty of time to arrange the artwork. A huge number (40 plus artists) of Rails End members responded and the final display encompasses almost 80 works of local art. Submissions were limited to two pieces per person and there was no restrictions on media or size, so Howe did have a daunting task in putting the show together. Not surprisingly, the talented artist and curator-in-waiting pulled off the final design with deft aplomb.

The artwork ambled dexterously through the Rails End main gallery and there was a flow to the exhibit, which belied the huge interface of styles, textures and forms on display.

Everything from collage, to linen, to woodcarving, water colors and photography along with a few whimsical flights into sculptured fantasy line the walls and floor of the Gallery. Considering the huge amount of art on display the exhibit saunters lithely around the packed recesses of Rails End.

Response to the open audition was gratifying said Rails End executive director Laurie Jones, who was also saddled with the task of determining the subject matter for the event.

"I'm very interested in pathways," said Jones. And after some thought, she decided that destinations and the cluttered conduits of our daily trapeze and trudge might make for an evocative theme. "From pathways I thought of routes and from there I came up with rural routes." Simple? Well, nothing in art is simple.

Jones posted the theme but she wasn't, however, expecting the number of calls she received from anxious area artists intent on obtaining clarification.

"Some people were left scratching their heads and we got a number of calls from people who said, 'I don't know what to do,'" smiled Jones.

Apparently some were confusing routes with roots and Jones, a lifelong pragmatist, simply told them to go with their gut.

"You'll notice that most people went with routes, but some liked the roots theme," said Jones, who added that her only advice was to have some fun with the ambiguity. "And as you can see, some people really went to town with it," smiled Jones, midst a huge crowd of well over 50 patrons who attended the opening last Saturday.

"Neurosis is the inability to tolerate ambiguity," said Sigmund Freud. That said, no Valium or Prozac needed or extant in the crowd of artists and art lovers who filled the Rails End Gallery to

overflowing from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday.

And really, without ambiguity, art would not exist. The artist's lot is after all to embrace life's queasy nuance and portray life on life's terms. Apologies to Freud, but sometimes that church steeple dappled so generously on that watercolor canvas is just a church steeple. And sometimes that low-flying CN freight train moving into that acrylic on wood tunnel is just an artist's take on recurring theme seen from a back porch.

Everyone, but especially the artists, embraced the sashaying theme of what it means to have those rural roots, to live on a rural route or to be part of that clambering mish-mash of joggles and turns and forks in the road or river that make up day-to-day life here on the bedrock-hard ass of the Canadian Shield.

"Rural Routes: a road or postal address, a destination, a lifestyle?" is how the Rails End Gallery sold the show to the many members who donated their art to the cause.

Oh, there were roots planted on canvas, tree roots in sculpture and there was even that hard-edged and very unambiguous specter of the post office definition of a rural route in the wire-sculptured outline of a roadside mailbox. Photos of the road, drawings of the road, and delicious depictions of our first river and lake paths that formed the undulating underbelly of our earliest rural destinations abounded. Some chose to embrace the theme in collage, in words, or in the undulating outline of our open fields. Rural Routes, the exhibition, is a nice juke and jive into separate takes on disparate themes.

In a short presentation near the end of the highly successful opening Jones gave out the first juried awards of merit. The youth prize went to young Taylor Sands for a very vibrant work of linen, wood, and a photo collage,

entitled View From My Window. Taylor received a bag of silver objects that jangled suspiciously like Loonies and Toonies.

The Best Overall award went to a wood carving by well-known artist Keith Rydberg. Rydberg's piece about growing old in a rustic rural route unfolds with three elderly citizens at an ill-defined destination. A pastoral wooden portrait in front of a worn and weathered litho church. The ancient faces churned like old butter, enjoying their old age in the heart of their own pensioned purpose. Whimsy colliding with an entrenched reality of cottage country: the burgeoning retired rural demographic partaking of life's vicarious and various rewards, separate yet commingled midst the muddle of renewed goals.



Another important award people's choice award will be given and announced at the end of the exhibit via the Rails End Gallery website on Feb 22.

All visitors to the Rural Routes exhibit will be presented with a ballot each time they visit. Patrons can vote for their favorite piece of Rural Routes art every time they visit the exhibit, and the artwork with the most votes will win a grand prize of a private showing of their work in the Rails End Members Gallery. For more information please visit the website at railsendgallery.com.

Pictured:

Well-known woodcarver and artist Keith Rydberg entered two pieces at the Rural Routes exhibition at Rails End. The piece pictured above, featuring three seniors on bucolic stage, dovetails aging with the pleasant arc of country life. Rydberg's piece won the award for best work on the opening day of the exhibition at Rail's End Gallery.

Windows, and the pastoral visage seen beyond the visceral pane of glass placed prominently in the work of a lot of local artists on display at the Rural Routes exhibit. There are post office boxes, rural scenes, roads, waterways and roots of old growth forest depicted, each work offering its own insight into the theme of Rural Routes.

The Rural Routes art exhibit will be available to the general public all weekend. Patrons are urged to cast a ballot for their favorite piece. Winners will be announced on the Rails End Gallery website next week.

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Local Parents Lobby for French in Secondary Schools

TLDSB Considers Suggestions Made by Canadian Parents for French

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Over 6.7 million Canadian boast French as their mother tongue, making it Canada's second most popular language. French is the official language of 29 countries throughout the world. Many jobs, such as those offered with the Canadian Government, require or prefer that a candidate be bilingual in French and English. Press Gallery journalists in Ottawa are virtually all bilingual.

Because of this Canadian reality, members of the Haliburton chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF) (Ontario) are speaking up in hopes of having an extended French immersion program implemented at the high school level.

Locally, Nancy Ballantyne is Chair of the Haliburton CPF chapter and Danielle Perry acts as secretary for the group that was started in Haliburton in 2004. At the national level the CPF was founded in 1977 by a group of parents. With chapters across the Province, CPF aims to carry out activities that support opportunities for French as a Second Language (FSL) learning both inside and outside of the classroom at all schools. Those who carry out objectives of CPF are volunteers, many of whom are parents.

"We want to try to work towards getting some long-term programming established at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS)," said Ballantyne, who was joined by Perry for a recent interview with The Voice.

Currently, both Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) and J. Douglas Hodgson (JDH) are the only schools in the county that offers a full-on French immersion program. With immersion, most instruction is in French.

France Meunier, Principal of SBES, says that the school has high a number of students who are enrolled in French immersion.

"Forty-percent of our school is in the French immersion program," said Meunier told The Voice. For the next school year, she adds that 26 students are already enrolled for French immersion in senior kindergarten. "We have a nice, healthy number of students enrolled that's for sure."

In Meunier's opinion, children who learn more than one language reap the rewards from their studies.

"I think we live in a global village," she explained. "Learning more than one language is like gymnastics for your mind and increases your opportunities for employment."

Children in the school system who aren't enrolled in immersion are in what is known as "Core French". In the core French curriculum, teaching focuses on speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.



At schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), core French is part of the regular curriculum for students in grades 4-8.

The intensity and duration of the immersion program is different than that of core French. Students begin the immersion program in senior kindergarten and those who successfully complete 10 credits at the secondary level are granted a French Immersion certificate.

According to the web site of the CPF, an average early immersion student by the end of grade eight has had over 4,000 hours of French instruction, or at least 50 per cent of their total instruction time received in French. In comparison, a student who studies core French from grades four to 12 is exposed to a maximum of about 1,100 hours of French instruction.

Throughout the Province, core French and immersion programs both usually start in grade four or five.

Nancy and Danielle have been strong advocates for French in the Haliburton Highlands for a number of years. Their children have either gone through or currently are in the French immersion program. And according to Danielle, it's the strong program offered at SBES that enticed her and her husband to move to the area eight years ago.

"It was one of the reasons my husband and I moved up here in the first place," she said.

As it now stands, students who go to HHSS must get a compulsory credit in Grade 9 French in order to graduate. Students can continue with FSL studies until Grade 12, however, it's not the same kind of concentrated approach as to what is offered with immersion programming.

"French at the high school right now is virtually non-existent," said Ballantyne. "That's why this is our priority right now."

Recently, Nancy and Tina Stephenson, another French immersion parent, met with Bruce Barrett, TLDSB Superintendent of Secondary School Improvement/Student Success. Following their meeting, Barrett said that discussions held were positive in nature and that steps will be taken to increase the amount of French programming available at Haliburton's high school.

"We had a productive meeting in which we discussed developing a Haliburton French strategy. I think we might see some additional course options or realignment of courses for September '09," said Barrett.

The goal of the local CPF chapter is to provide students at the high school with access to study more courses, such as geography, drama and art, in French. This way, by the time they're ready to graduate, they'll take an extended French Certificate with them.

Because enrollment rates are constantly declining in the Province, it's speculated that students may have to take some these courses through virtual learning methods such as SMART boards or videoconferencing. These are decisions that the CPF is going leave in the hands of board members to work out.

The TLDSB has received a total of \$2.1 million in regular FSL funding, and between 2005 and 2008 received \$350,000 in program renewal funding.

The Voice will continue to follow-up on all progress made by the board that would add to the French curriculum at the high school.

For more information about CPF and their goals for the future, visit www.cpf.ca.

Taking On Bullying

Puppet Act Goes to Local School's

Puppets were brought to life on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School when members of the Point in Time Puppet Players group put on shows for students in Grades 2-5.

The play featured, titled "Quinnley's Wish", is the original work of Kathryn Boyd, a Haliburton playwright, actress and child and family therapist. The plot is based around the character Quinnley, who is caught in the middle where her friend Sun-Jay starts to bully another friend, Rainbow. Through a series of flashbacks, the audience witnesses several common types of bullying. After the show, students had the chance to engage in conversation about ways of problem solving around the sensitive issue of bullying.

In their shows, the Point In Time Puppet Players incorporate the Japanese Bunraku style of puppetry into their performances. In Bunraku, puppeteers dress in black, making them virtually invisible when they stand against a black background.

The group is planning on putting on more shows at other local schools in the near future.



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The 1st in Their Neighbourhood !!! Ross & Joan Davies Move into their Pineridge Home in Minden

Ross and Joan Davies, and their lab Murphy, officially took possession of their new home at 9 Windover Drive on Tuesday. They are the first residents of the most recent housing development in Minden, Pine Ridge Estates. Although they don't yet have neighbours, builders Claudio and Gino Bortolussi along with realtor Bill Kulas and Reeve Jim McMahon were on hand to welcome them into their new home.

The Davies have lived at their cottage on Horseshoe Lake since 1991, but decided that it was time to be closer to the amenities that town life offers. When asked about the process, they described the move as being a "delightful experience". According to the new residents, open lines of communication between themselves and the Bortolussis were a major reason that the move was a good experience.

When fully completed, Pine Ridge Estates will have 76 homes, mostly bungalows ranging in size from 1,300 to 1,800 sq ft. Presently work is continuing on phase one, the first twenty five homes.

Information on Pine Ridge Estates is available at their web site <http://highlandparkhomes.ca/HPH-community.html> or by calling 705-489-3100. ■



Top, left to right, Real Estate Agent Bill Kulas, Owners Joan and Ross Davies, and Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon
Bottom, left to right, Builders and Developers Claudio Bortolussi, Gustavo Rojas, and Gino Capozzoli of Highland Park Homes and BorCap Developments of Minden celebrate the first occupancy in their Pine Ridge Estates Development.



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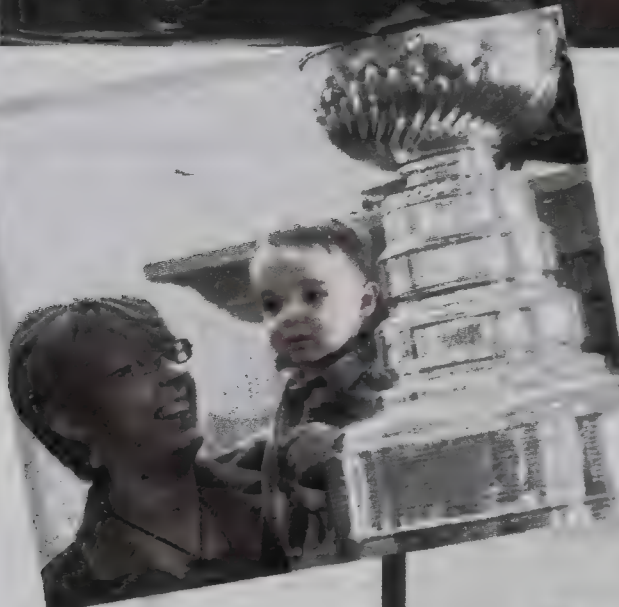
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Stanley Cup Co

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Clockwise, from Top Left (this page):

Gold Sponsor Bob Park of Foodland welcomes the Cup.

Gold Sponsors Lawyers David Shapiera and Donald Lange at their offices in Minden.

The Cup arrives in Minden.

Ann Hewson introduces her Grandson Beckam Reynolds to Stanley

Opposite Page, clockwise:

Yes, the Leafs did win the Cup a few times!

The Keeper of the Cup, Phil Prichard

The Youngest Fan tries on the Cup for size

Young Fans Tanner Hamilton, Jacob Harrison, Tanner Ballantyne and Michael Nelson

Right: Dignitaries pose with the World Champion Canadian Amputee Hockey Team and their local OPP opposition.



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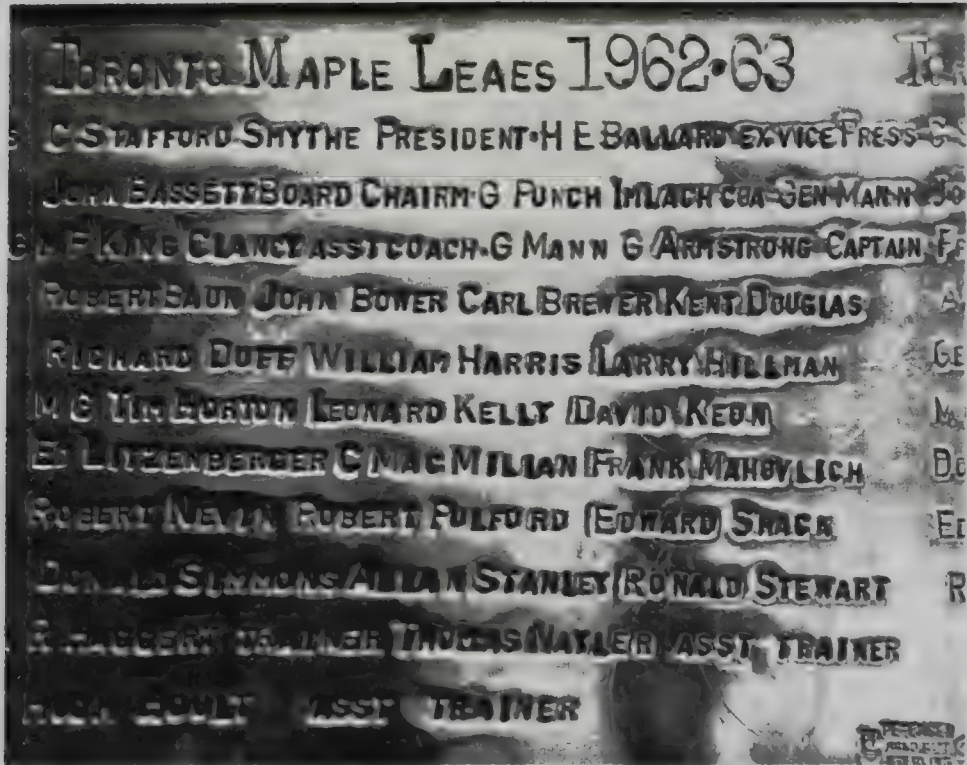


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Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

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Sho, Mo and the Monkey Bunch had many kids up on their feet, juking and jiving to their slaphappy tunes last Sunday as part of the Razzamataz Kids Shows series.

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In the Haliburton Highlands, Razzamataz Kids Shows are run by a local, non-profit volunteer group that has been bringing live high quality entertainment to the area for over 20 years. In the past, they've been responsible for bringing music, theatre, dance and puppetry to the Highlands from a wide variety of cultural traditions.

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Bundle up and come celebrate with the town of Dorset on Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 20 for the annual Snowball Winter Carnival.

Held in Dorset since 1991, the community event is organized by the volunteer committee for Dorset Recreation Centre as a fundraiser for the Rec Centre. Traditionally held on the third week-end of February, the fun community event continues to grow and attracts visitors from all over Ontario.

The main focus of Snowball is to provide affordable family orientated entertainment, to make Dorset a "destination" and to bring the community together for two days of activity and excitement.

On Friday evening, around supper time, things will really get going with a skating party for children and adults. There will be hot chocolate and hot dogs around the rink for those who want to warm up or get hungry after all that skating.

The Adult Broomball Tournament will not take place this year due to poor participation in the last couple of years and the difficulty in finding volunteers to run it. Don't fret though - if you really want to have a game - contact the Recreation Centre, as they would be happy to lend you the sticks and balls for your own pick up game any time during Rec Centre hours.

Saturday's events begin with a pancake supper provided by the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department. It's an all you can eat breakfast and will be wonderfully delicious!

After the breakfast, everyone heads outside to see the Dorset Snowball parade. Anyone can be in the parade and they all meet at the designated time at the Dorset Garage. Organizers are challenging all local businesses to enter a float in the parade - no float is too big, no float is too small! Call the Rec Centre at 766-9968 for more information.

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Snowball also hosts a bevy of winter activities such as: skating, snowball throwing game, tobogganing hill, chainsaw carving demo, minnow races, horse-drawn wagon rides, mini snowmobile rides, snow snake games, a children's broomball tournament, hockey shoot-out, kids versus adults hockey game, snowshoe races, Hockey Night in Dorset and more!

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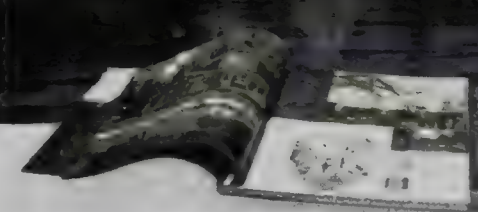


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Scotty Morrison Tournament Cont'd...

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laudable trapeze of caring for the infirm, the elderly and the worthy in Haliburton County.

The tournament? A huge success and a positive event.

The cause of Community Care in Haliburton? Buoyed certainly by the considerable influx of funds and bonhomie generated by the tourney.

It can be also argued that the most dynamic part of the weekend rests with the elevation of the public profile of Community Care in Haliburton County; And the new-risen awareness for the cause of our aging and challenged residents. The insight and promotional aspects of the weekend should and will prove invaluable as Community Care moves forward in its triune quest to locate volunteers, power new programs and serve the cause of our burgeoning population of seniors and citizens at risk.

And Scotty Morrison's caveat? Removed unequivocally and with a re-sounding finality.

There will be a 2nd Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. As Scotty and Community Care organizers Brigitte Gebauer and Hilary Elia sat around a table late Sunday evening at Minden Arena, talk was already turning to next year.

A lot of hands stirred the pot to make this tourney such a huge success. But without a doubt it was Scotty Morrison pouring himself mind, heart and soul into the process that put a lock on the weekend.

Through all of the months of pre-tournament promotion, Scotty Morrison was there: for an interview, for a photo op, or for the de rigueur sound bites.

Last weekend he was there again. In the wings but at the microphone when called. He was there Friday at the Legion and he was there all day Saturday as the Stanley Cup percolated and bobbed to the businesses of the Gold Medal sponsors. He was there at SG Nesbitt Arena on Saturday for a much touted exhibition match between the OPP and the World Champion Canadian Amputee Hockey Team.

And he was there helping with the clean up on Sunday evening, packing up the signs and yes, chatting about next year, and reflecting on the weekend past. It was quite a weekend.

At every venue there were friends, neighbors and acquaintances stopping to chat with Scotty, who has become a fixture in the Highlands upon moving here after a very successful NHL career as VP, referee-in-chief and Vice President, Project Development and President, Hockey Hall of Fame.

Few people he met last weekend were even aware that Scotty Morrison attended all those events smiling through the pain of a seminal loss that we could

Community Care has announced that the weekend tournament raised over \$20,000!

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only imagine.

Last Monday, (Feb 2) Scotty's beloved wife Joanie passed away. Scotty Morrison, bent, but unbowed, punched through the hole of that loss to honour his commitment to his extended family at Community Care last weekend.

Approached with condolences, Scotty said thanks and managed a smile. "She's up there smiling tonight," said Scotty, glancing slightly skyward.

Unstinting, uncomplaining, acquiescent, polite, forthcoming, and humble. We could all learn a little about the art of life from Scotty Morrison.

In the last four weeks leading up to the tourney Scotty Morrison threw himself into all facets of the tourney with a gusto that belies his 78 years. Through it all the former NHL Referee-in-Chief seems to have incorporated the credo of officials everywhere. If the fans don't remember your name after the contest, you re-

fed a great game. He has taken that valuable lesson forward in his life.

Morrison always deflected any credit for last weekend's charity event, preferring instead to work in the background, and always pointing to the staff at Community Care Haliburton, praising their open-handed dedication and untiring efforts and always ensuring that the listener was aware of the work; that all-important work done by the volunteers and staff at the not-for-profit enterprise.

"Community Care does a lot of important work in this community, including meals on wheels, transport to hospital, emergency response

and most important, just keeping seniors in their homes," said Morrison in a pre-tourney interview. He remains unswerving in his own efforts as a member of the board of governors of Community Care Haliburton.

And though he has deflected a lot of his own input, preferring instead, in his own very humble and self-effacing way to bounce honorifics to the organizers at Community Care (Elia and Gebauer plus many others), there is no denying the bold imprimatur laid upon this tourney by Morrison, the man.

Nor should there be surprise here that Morrison chose to bury his grief in the work last weekend.

Morrison was behind this tournament from the outset, always ready to jump in with an idea, a spark or an adrenalin nudge. Morrison used his pull as the official Trustee of the Stanley Cup and a former CEO of the Hall of Fame to bring the star of the show, Lord Stanley's Silver Plated jug, to Haliburton. He made sure that Pritchard was able to bring that one of a kind slide show and Tales of Stanley to the Highlands.

He also brought Hall of Famer Ray Scapinello, former Leaf Ron Ellis, OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino, CBC personality Tom Harrington, and renowned Canadian tenor Michael Burgess to Haliburton for some of the attendant events like the highly successful exhibition contest between the OPP and Canada's World Champion National Amputee Hockey Team. Burgess sang the anthem, Scapinello reffed the game.

Scotty Morrison, by dint of his own broad brushstrokes, and his own willingness to lend his time to friends has inured himself to many.

Scotty has made many good friends in the course of his Hall of Fame career; and it is a measure of the man that they are willing to come out when called to offer support for a cause.

Any doubts that Scotty may have harboured about the relative merits of this First Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament were removed with three tiny letters last Friday night at the Haliburton Legion.

SRO.

That evening of tales of the Stanley Cup played to an SRO (standing room only) crowd of local fans who packed into the large Legion Hall reveling in all aspects of the lively and informative slide show and presentation. Later they paid to have their pictures taken with the Cup, all proceeds going to Community Care. The lineup for pictures went from 8 pm to 10 pm nonstop.

Pritchard's presentation offered the requisite amount of humor spiced with some tidy tidbits from Stanley's ballyhooed past.

Pritchard's slide show depicted Stanley with Tim McGraw, Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, Susan Sarandon, Whoopie Goldberg, Charlie Sheen, Dr. House portrayer Hugh Laurie, sunglass sleuth David Caruso, and three guys who may have needed an extra security detail: Bubbles, Ricky and Julian, Canada's own light-fingered, short-on-etiquette Trailer Park Boys. Ellis and Harrington took the stage to share some thoughts on whether Stanley might ever (never?) return to a Leaf dressing room in June.

Tourney Results

First Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament

Fantino A Final

Hell Raisers 1 - Completely Hammered 0

Scapinello Final

Right Wingers 2 - grin Reapers 0

Ellis Final

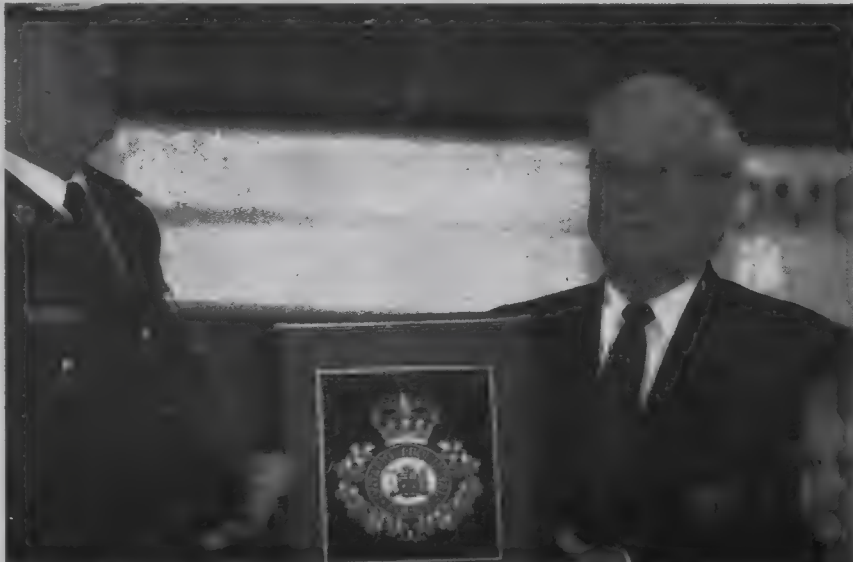
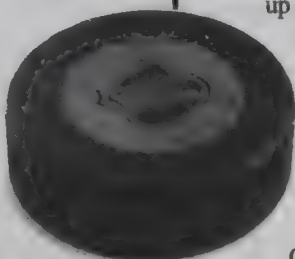
Greyhounds 5 - Enterprise 2

Burgess Final

Dump Bears 5 - All Stars 4

Morrison Final

Cherry's Boys 3 - Renegades 2 (OT Shootout)



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

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Top left: OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino gives a plaque to Scotty Morrison in appreciation of his community work. Pictured with them is Nolan, a young amputee who's a member of the children's amputee hockey program.

Above: Fantino with Singer Michael Burgess; Above right: Hall of Famer Ray Scapinello gives advice to a young Ref

Fundraising Ideas Needed By Local Group

Haliburton Figure Skating Club Needs Push to Move Forward Into Next Season

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club has been in the county for over 50 years. Along the way, the group has been through its fair share of ups and downs but has always managed to pull through and move along. This year, due to low enrolment numbers in the group, innovative ways of fundraising need to be thought of in order to help sustain the club past April.

In a recent letter sent home to parents of members of the club, President Kim Henry broke the news of the organization's current situation and asks those with possible fundraising ideas for the club to come forward. Her letter also pinpoints some of the significant costs associated with the keeping the club up and running.

"Our ice is subsidized by Dysart and costs us \$70 an hour plus GST. Our coach is paid \$40 per hour to coach our Canslate and Junior Star programs."

Membership fees for the Haliburton Figure Skating Club vary depending on program chosen, with money going towards programming that covers the cost of the club as a Skate Canada (the largest figure skating governing body in the world) member. The Haliburton club benefits from this membership through insurance coverage, use of ice at the Haliburton arena and coaching for Canslate and Junior Star Programs. Currently there are 35 members in the club.

Volunteers run the non-profit organization, and without them, the group likely wouldn't exist.

Lesley Lumley, volunteer with the group and past president, has seen the vital role volunteers play in running all aspects of the club, externally and internally. She is also well aware that the group is going through some tough times and that more help is always needed.

"There's so few of us (volunteers)," she explained in an interview with The Voice. "I think that we're just running out of energy and ideas."

Lumley is one of the volunteers who has been with the club for years and has donated countless hours of her time to help operations run smoothly for the benefit of children and their families. Some of the many positions she's taken on include: program assistant/executive member with the club, coordinator for the Toni Carr Memorial Interclub Competition and director of music and choreography for skating routines. Not to mention, she also has a full-time day job in administration at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

In fundraising this year, the club has managed to raise a total of \$1,000 through sales of chocolate bars and a family skate and dinner. Walt McKechnie, owner of McKeck's Place and long-time supporter of the club, also provided them with a generous \$1,000 donation. Annually the group runs its own carnival, but most of the money raised by it goes to cover the cost of ice time.

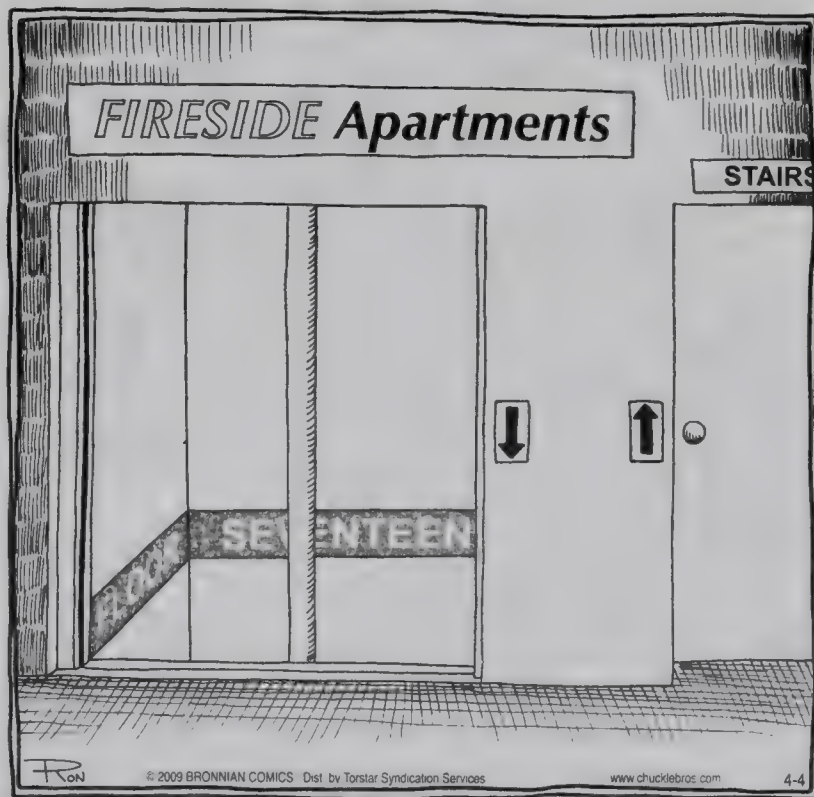
Some of the ideas recently brought forth for raising funds have included the selling of cookie and muffin dough, a skate-a-thon and a dance.

"We are being very proactive in trying to raise funds ourselves," said Lumley.

The group is also looking at applying for a grant from The Trillium Foundation to help keep them afloat.

"Over the years a lot of blood, sweat and tears have gone into this club," said Lumley. "This is something that is sorely needed in this small town. It's an important program."

To find out how you can assist the Haliburton Figure Skating Club or to offer your suggestions, contact Kim Henry at 705 455-9148. ■



Where firemen retire

Scotty Morrison

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Morrison's good friend and fellow Hall of Famer, Scapinello got up and credited his then boss, Scotty Morrison with hiring a "vertically challenged" linesman all those years ago. Scampy recalled when he was chosen to ref the Nagano Olympics in 1998. At a pre-Games ref's conference he allowed that he wouldn't be comfortable wearing a helmet. The chief of officials told Scampy that he didn't have to wear a helmet because he wouldn't be doing any games without one. "I looked up and told him that I take a medium," laughed Scapinello.

Scotty Morrison took over and added a few anecdotes of his own. But he closed with the overriding reminder to all in attendance about what it was all about.

"Community Care is dedicated to keeping seniors and others in their homes here in Haliburton County," said Morrison.

"When we moved here I wanted to do something to give back to this community and so I became a member of the board of Community Care."

And Scotty Morrison urged everyone in the room to get involved any way they could.

Last weekend they gave, at the Silent auction, at the puck toss during the charity game in Minden, at a raffle for some cherished mementoes, and through their kind donations at all venues.

You won't hear it from Scotty Morrison.

But last weekend the First Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament opened some doors.

A grateful client of Community Care said in a recent post to the website communitycarehaliburton.com:

"Words cannot express our gratitude for the services you provide. Without the care, driving all hours and the long waits; our volunteer driver provided extreme kindness through a very difficult period. Our driver is an exceptional person. He is worth his weight in gold. Thank you for providing a driver for us and thank you for taking such good care of us. It is greatly appreciated."

And to all of you who opened your hands and your pockets to the cause last weekend. That one's for you too. ■



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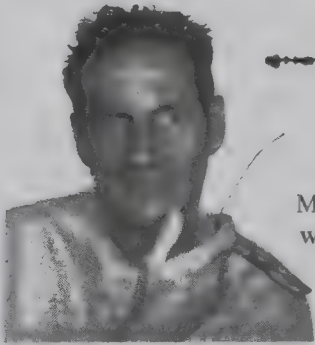
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Phelps and Tinkering with the Paradigm



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Mike Phelps hasn't been charged with any offence. He was caught on camera at a University of South Carolina frat party in full-bong bas-relief.

He issued the de rigueur

chaste apology.

"I engaged in behavior which was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment," Phelps said. "I'm 23 years old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public it will not happen again."

Now, he's young. And he's been caught doing something that several US presidents have admitted to doing. He smoked some weed. No biggie as far as I'm concerned. If the wacky cell phone image, a little blurred - perhaps mimicking the moment - can be believed, unlike President Clinton, Mike Phelps almost assuredly did inhale.

President George Bush not only inhaled, but he was prone to mixing the Haile Selassie treat with a certain white powder and a liberal dose of Jack Daniels. This might explain why the once-AWOL fighter pilot was never asked to set an F-16 onto the bobbing deck of an Aircraft Carrier on NATO maneuvers.

The mewling, meticulous and mincing Michael Phelps who issued the apology seems a little different from the joie de vivre gung ho troubadour of swing described at the University of South Carolina frat bash held just three months after his return from Beijing.

Quoted in News of the World - the British Tabloid that broke the photo and the story - some members of Phelps's hastily formed entourage of hangers-on and paparazzi-in-waiting college goofballs said that Phelps looked right at home in the over exuberant milieu of the typical low angst, high octane frat bash.

One enthusiastic swim fan who witnessed the star's behaviour told the News of the World: "He was out of control from the moment he got there. If he continues to party like that I'd be amazed if he ever won any more medals again."

As he basked in his hero status, Phelps knocked back beers and tequila shots. And when a student offered him the glass bong engraved with red writing, he did not hesitate, says the source at

Boys Just Wanna' have Fun

News of the World.

"You could tell Michael had smoked before. He grabbed the bong and a lighter and knew exactly what to do," said the frat-tat-ta. "He looked just as natural with a bong in his hands as he does swimming in the pool. He was the gold medal winner of bong hits. Michael ended up getting a little paranoid, though, because before too long he looked like he was nervous and ran out of the place."

Aha, probably heading to the 7-11 for a late nite post-toke hit of 4-liter Big Gulp, six chili-dogs and 3-pound cardboard crate of jalapeno-cheese-melty nachos.

So you can see my problem with Phelps's new-found evangelical spasm and the airy fairy apology. Phelps issued a similar apology in 2004 when he was caught drinking and driving and was subsequently hammered with a court ordered 18-month probationary sentence.

News of the World sources tell us exactly what that apology was worth. The night after being caught on digitized camera, Phelps returned again to party. "Like the night before he was holding court, throwing back shots two at a time and pouring drinks to every cute girl."

We are hoping that Phelps did not follow up this night at Pavlov's Bar with a moonlight spin in his tricked out Lexus with the sun roof and built in barf bag.

I got no problem with Mike Phelps having fun. Busting out. Cutting loose.

I got a problem with the fact that he's collecting close to \$10 million large in endorsements (cut by a mill or two since Kellogg decided to suspend his endorsement rights) which, knowing lawyers and big corporations, are most assuredly liberally sprinkled with all manner of manhole-cover-sized morality dodge.

Clauses like: "The party of the second part acting on behalf of the party in the first part shall endeavor to act in a manner commensurate with the good name of the party of the first part's upstanding and relevant world view. To wit: the party of the second part shall not act out in a manner that may cause the party of the first part embarrassment. This may include things like armed robbery, cavorting with members of the Communist party, hanging with Bloods or Crips, dating Amy Winehouse, being caught on video with Paris Hilton, or assaulting Mickey Mouse at Disneyland. The party of the first part should also not act like a morally repugnant idiot by being caught on camera with his speedo trunks wrapped and twisted in a shepherd's knot around his ankles. Failure to comply may result in the party of the second part pissing away \$4 million



into an Olympic Sized puddle of chlorinated water."

Again, no problem at all with Michael risking it all on the big duck, duke and dive. It's his money to fritter and I couldn't give a spit.

My problem was with his searing promise lo' those many years ago to act as a significant role model for youth in America and around the world.

Here's what I know about role models.

By definition, responsible role models do not indulge in idiotic and semi-comatose activity that will necessitate a public apology - twice - on the world stage.

So please Mr. Phelps.

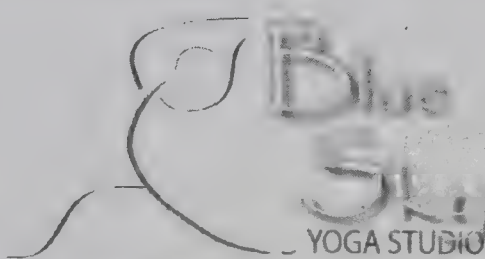
By all means go out and have some fun.

Sew your wild oats, hang out at the animal house, crank back a few liberal hits of whatever suits your fancy.

But don't expect the thinking members of society to be placated by the mince and mewl of those hurried virtuous words issued with blank stare and broad-shouldered shrug.

I don't believe you.

And I know the kids don't.



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River Kings Rebound from Two Straight Setbacks to Notch Important Win

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

River Kings forward Devin Hunter scored the eventual game-winning goal against the visiting Espanola Kings with a plucky head's up forechecking foray at 17:06 of the first period in a lop-sided Greater Metro Hockey League contest held at the SG Nesbitt Barn last Sunday night.

Hunter, a Gooderham native, went after the puck along the boards just behind the Espanola King goal, emerged from the short and sweet altercation with the puck on his stick, quickly popped to the slot and buried a drive high past the glove side of an outstretched palm. The Kings held a 4-1 lead after one and led 7-1 heading into the second intermission.

Hunter's dipsy-doodle duel was just one of a number of battles won by the Minden River Kings last Sunday. The fifth place River Kings defeated cellar dwelling Espanola Kings 8-2, and they won with a mix of forecheck, headman and stifling defensive pressure.

Would that all of the battles fought last Sunday were as eloquent as Hunter's slick divest and drive. Alas, this is Junior A hockey, and sometimes when a team like Espanola is struggling with decorum, leadership and an inability to place the puck in the net, well things devolve.

Things crumbled with unbridled alacrity last Sunday in the second period, first with a spate of minor altercations and scraps, and then finally with a full-fledged period-shortening donnybrook with just two seconds remaining in the second period. The referees were forced to tack the final two seconds onto the third period in their efforts to get things under control and get the players to their assigned dressing rooms.

Minden coach Brooks Robinson was fairly succinct and abrupt after the game.

"Well, that was disgusting, that was just a disgusting display and there's not much else to say," said Robinson, who added that he held River King star Brett Meyers out of the contest for the duration of the third period.

"I told Brett to change, because I just didn't want to risk him getting injured," said Robinson. "A game like that is just no good to us at all, and it makes it hard on the team, because he [the Espanola] coach was sending guys out there to hurt people."

It did appear that Meyers was targeted right from the opening face off. Espanola players took frequent liberties with Minden's captain and leading scorer in the form of quick slash and grab tactics. Meyers was goaded into several confrontations during the course of the first forty minutes and Robinson decided it would be best to sit him for the duration as both penalty boxes bulged with an overabundance of humanity at the start of the third frame.

For the first five minutes of the final period Espanola had only one skater and the backup goaltender on their bench. The remaining players were either ejected or sitting in the penalty box.

The game was never in doubt, and Robinson was essentially pleased with the outcome but not however with the flagrant display from the vicinity of the Espanola bench. Robinson could be seen at times during the second and third periods having some heated dialogue with the coach and players on the opposing bench.

"Honestly, this was a game that we were going to win, and I'm happy with our play, but the way it went, that did us no good at all," said Robinson.

Calvin Northam opened the scoring on a rink long rush started by goaltender Robert Randles who earned an assist on the play. Brier Hill and Jeff Beal both scored a pair of goals in the contest while Hunter, Jordan Joanu and Meyers all added single tallies.

The win gives the River Kings some breathing room in their efforts to lock down fifth place in the GMHL's tough northern division.

The Kings are 16-20-1 a point up with four games in hand over the sixth place Brock Bucks who are 15-24-2 in league play.

The season is winding down and the River Kings are hoping that this latest win sparks a jump as the season winds to an end and the schedule turns to playoffs which begin in a few short weeks.

Meanwhile the sad story of last Sunday's game carried out to a sad denouement on the steps just outside the SG Nesbitt Arena.

One of the ejected Espanola players was in full hue and cry challenging anyone and everyone exiting the premises to a fight.

"Anyone [expletive]... you want to go [expletive], we'll go right

now [expletive]," said the player who was apparently in the static latent stages of a full-blown adolescent hissy fit. "You're all [expletive] pussies!"

Ah to be 5 foot 8, 160 pounds, bulletproof and 18 again; and playing hockey in the great white north. To be free from the frivolous bonds of common courtesy, etiquette and the rules of the society, wrapped tightly in a cocoon of apparent ignorance. Loosed from the shackles of common decency and snuggled tightly in the security blanket of perceived invulnerability.

Oh, and nary a coach or responsible adult to be found as this proud young man dribbled his ecstatic prose to all and sundry as they tried to make their way to vehicles and home. The coach elsewhere while his player introduced himself loud, long, and loopy on the front steps of the Minden Arena, his various recommendations and salutations reverberating around the surrounding subdivision.

This 18-year-old trenchcoat-wannabee challenged Minden coach Robinson and his wife as they exited the arena. Apparently unaware that Robinson outdistanced him by 7 inches and 100 pounds the player asked Robinson why he was such a "pussy."

And then apparently unsatisfied with Robinson's decision to take the high road, he proceeded to berate one of the game officials as he made his way to his vehicle. "Pussy," screamed the player, as his teammates tried in vain to steer him to the bus. "You're all pussies. Who wants to [expletive] go ... cos' I'm [expletive] ready to go right now."

When asked to give his name in the cause of accuracy by a departing reporter, the Espanola player offered the following: (I jotted down the pertinent points for accuracy.)

"Why do you want my name?" he asked.

"For accuracy, for the newspaper," came the jaunty reply. "I just want to get it right."

To which came the lovely rejoinder.

"Yeah, well how about it pussy, you want to [expletive] go?"

The player became quite agitated when the reporter offered to phone the police.

"Did you know that you're standing here in a strange town uttering threats?" he was asked quite politely by the same reporter, again for accuracy.

"Yeah, well pussy, phone em"! What paper do you write for?"

The rest was wry smile, shaken head and a flashback to Columbine. Trenchcoats, sputtered oaths and a sociopathic glint in those wild eyes. Not a good mix.

The reporter, like Robinson, several fans, and the referee all decided on the high road.

And left the young man on the steps still baying at the moon.

"Pussies! Who wants to go?"

The short answer? We all wanted to go. And we left.

God, I love hockey.■



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On Feb. 16, 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King Tutankhamen. King Tut lived around 1400 B.C. and died when he was still a teenager.

On Feb. 17, 1979, Garrison Keillor's popular radio variety show "Prairie Home Companion" is first broadcast nationally as part of National Public Radio's Folk Festival America. The show, which had been running locally on Minnesota Public Radio since 1974, is still on the air today.

On Feb. 18, 1930, the planet Pluto is discovered by the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. In August 2006, however, the International Astronomical Union announced that Pluto would no longer be considered a planet as Pluto's oblong orbit overlaps that of Neptune.

On Feb. 19, 1847, the first rescuers reach surviving members of the Donner Party, a group of California-bound emigrants stranded by snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Three more rescue parties arrived to help, but of the 89 original members of the group, only 45 reached California.

On Feb. 20, 1986, France and Britain announce that a tunnel under the English Channel between the two countries would soon become a reality. Trains, cars and buses would be able to speed through the tunnel in less than half an hour. Construction began in December 1987, and the "Chunnel" was finally completed in 1994.

On Feb. 21, 1952, Elizabeth Taylor, 20, marries Michael Wilding. It was Taylor's second marriage: At age 18, she had married hotelier Nicky Hilton, less than two weeks before the debut of her 1950 movie "Father of the Bride." She would be married six more times, twice to Richard Burton.

On Feb. 22, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders Gen. Douglas MacArthur out of the Philippines, as the American defense of the islands collapses. MacArthur at first balked -- he was fully prepared to fight alongside his men to the death if necessary -- but finally obeyed the president's order in March.

League Standings

Standings

Game Type Regular Season

Season 2008-2009

North Division

Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	PCT	Stk
South Muskoka	40	35	4	0	1	71	293	124	0.875	W5
Elliot Lake	39	29	6	0	4	62	265	110	0.744	W8
Nipissing	40	27	12	0	1	55	216	142	0.675	W2
Oro-Medonte	36	19	13	0	4	42	187	143	0.528	W2
Minden	37	16	20	0	1	33	159	196	0.432	W1
Brock	41	15	24	0	2	32	187	225	0.366	W1
Espanola	39	6	32	0	1	13	98	314	0.154	L5
Ville-Marie	28	2	26	0	0	4	71	292	0.071	L14

South Division

Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	PCT	Stk
Bradford	37	30	6	0	1	61	253	114	0.811	W12
Innisfil	36	30	5	0	1	61	250	119	0.833	W3
Deseronto	36	24	9	0	3	51	193	105	0.667	W1
King	40	23	15	0	2	48	224	188	0.575	L1
Toronto	39	17	19	0	3	37	189	189	0.436	L2
Ontario	40	12	28	0	0	24	165	244	0.300	L3
Tamworth	35	3	30	0	2	8	83	289	0.086	L9

Haliburton to Host the OUA Nordic Ski Championships

Queens Skier Emily Turner will Be In the Field

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Sports Editor

Haliburton's Nordic skiing community is bracing for a huge snowbound challenge.

Next weekend (February 21-22) Haliburton will play host to the Ontario University Athletics combined Nordic Ski Championships.

Blake Paton, a local coach, tri-athlete, and teacher, who can now add Nordic race organizer to his burgeoning CV, will be acting as Chief of Race for the nine university competition and he says that plans are already well in hand for the event.

University of Waterloo was charged with organizing the championships this year and their coach and event chef de mission Justin Faulkner chose Glebe Park Trails as tourney venue in part for the gilt-edged guarantee of snow, but mostly because it has a great reputation as a demanding but fair track. Faulkner is quite familiar with the trails at Glebe Park, having competed here in 2000, and Paton says the climbs, technical aspects and general dynamics of the Glebe Park track drew him back to the Highlands.

Paton says that hosting an event of this size – there will be in excess of 120 athletes from nine universities – is a great honour.

But to paraphrase the uncle of a spider-bit superhero, "with great honour comes great responsibility," and Paton is acutely aware of the ramifications involved with the hosting of an event of this size.

Paton says that the local club, The Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club, is more than ready for the challenge. They have a great retinue of seasoned race officials to draw from, and the facilities, which now boast access to the large framing-point of Fleming College, are arguably second to none in the province.

But he adds that their biggest ace under fleece-lined sleeve remains that marvelous mish and mash of beautiful wooded trails, a niche that is at once stunningly beautiful and technically sound.

"We've got a very good course, arguably one of the best in the province," says Paton. "It's dif-

ficult enough to be a real test and it's going to be a significant challenge for these athletes. We've got a lot of vertical so it's an excellent venue for a university championship."

Paton says that local aficionados of the sport are more than welcome to come out and view the event, which gets underway on Saturday and Sunday at 10 am.

He adds that there will be a local component to the race. Former Haliburton Cross Country Ski Club racer Emily Turner will be competing for Queen's University. "Emily has been racing well for Queen's this year and a lot of people in the area might want to come out to see her race," says Paton. He adds that an original plan to host some club races was nixed, only because club members decided that placing emphasis on running a sound race might open up future hosting possibilities down the road.

"We figured that we've got enough to do right now just organizing the university component so we decided not to add any other races," says Paton. He did add that Highlands' Jackrabbit program skiers – young aspiring local racers – will be involved as budding organizers, gaining some expertise by joining the Nordic Club team in some of the organizational facets of the two-day event.

The surge of above zero temperatures expected this week should not affect the excellent snow conditions at Glebe Park and Paton says that the long-range forecast is looking great for the weekend of the race. "Skiing is great right now and we don't expect that to change in the next two weeks," says Paton.

Paton says that as Chief of Race he will be liaising with Faulkner and the University of Waterloo organizers, but added that the Haliburton Nordic club will be involved in all facets of the timing and race day management.

The biggest day of racing occurs on the Saturday with men's and women's teams competing in the open Freestyle timed races. Men will begin departing at 30-second intervals for their 10-kilometer race at 10 am. The women will be competing in their 5-kilometer Freestyle event after the men's race is over. Later in the afternoon the men's and women's relays will be happening. Paton says that the relays form a nice centerpiece for the event with teams of three racers from each of the nine universities competing in a very hotly contested portion of the weekend schedule.

"The relays are fun because they're competing for a lot of bragging rights," says Paton. He adds that the OUA is probably regarded as the toughest university circuit in the country.

On Sunday the racers will congregate at Glebe Park (again at 10 am) for the more traditional Classic races. The freestyle events on Saturday utilize the skating style of Nordic skiing, but Sunday's races will feature a mass start and all skiers will be using the more traditional ski-in-tracks Classic racing technique.

"Most recreational skiers will probably be interested in Sunday's races because of the mass start and because all racers will be using the classic step and glide technique of skiing," says Paton. "It's a technique that people will identify with, but it's also a technique that a lot of the racers find to be very challenging, because they have trained more with the skating technique."

Sunday's races are a bit longer with the men traveling 15 kilometers over the demanding Glebe Park terrain. The women's 7.5 kilometer mass start will go at 10 am and the men's race will follow. Paton says that all racers should be off the course and the Glebe Park trails open to members by about 2 pm on the Sunday. Please note that the Glebe Park track will be closed during racing on both days, but Paton said that all enthusiasts are welcome to come out and view from the many vantage points that dot the race course.

He says that the club will also be helped considerably by the input of Len and Kit Pizzey, a pair of Haliburton Cross Country Club veterans who this year have been tracking an upwardly mobile course in pursuit of their ultimate goal of officiating at the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"Len and Kit have just returned from an event at the Olympic facility and both are very good officials who have officiated at both the national and the world level, so we're lucky to have them as part of the team," says Paton.

And as for Paton, he says that most of the work should be done prior to race day. If it isn't, well he says it's on him.

"It's up to me to see that all the people we have on course are doing their jobs," laughs Paton, who is positive that his team is well and truly entrenched in their myriad duties.

"If I've done my job properly, I shouldn't have much to do on race day," says Paton.

He will be meeting with Faulkner, technical race director Al White and the coaching staffs of all nine universities on the Friday before the race to help plan the various course scenarios. ■



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Red Hawks Drop See Saw Affair to Cobourg West

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Sports Editor

Three times the Haliburton High Red Hawks asserted their dominance. Three times a tired looking group of Red Hawks players took a one-goal lead. And three times their Cobourg West counterparts, short on bench, but high on heart, came back to tie.

And in the final seconds of the third period, with their playoff hopes riding a fine thin line, the Cobourg West Vikings pinched at the blue line, stayed hard on the puck, fought for possession, and finally managed to take their first lead of the night.

A plucky effort by the Vikings led to a Ken Jenkins goal with only 28 ticks (27.9) remaining on the Dysart Emporium clock.

Jenkins's game-winner, which somehow slid past Hawk goaltender Paddy Manuge in a goalmouth scramble, sealed the deal at the Dysart Emporium last Monday night.

The Hawks rallied for one last kick at the barn door in the dying seconds, but ended up on the poor-boy's end of a 4-3 decision.

Jenkins's goal was the final deadly knife's twist in a game where last minute heroics ruled.

Indeed, the Hawks were ready to take a 3-2 lead into the second intermission when the Vikings again forced a turnover, turning a strong offensive press into tying goal with only 1.6 seconds remaining in the middle frame.

There was a perceptible slump of shoulders as that goal, all down to the Hawks inability to clear the puck past a triumvirate of trapping Viking forwards, slid past Manuge.

Last second goals often serve to deflate the bouncing ball. That goal seemed to be weighing heavily on Red Hawks psyches for the balance of a scoreless third period. The teams traded a few glancing body blows until the last two minutes of the game when Cobourg West let desperation weigh in with vengeance.

Cobourg West, needing a win and not a tie to even have a chance at making the Kawartha play downs, seemed to locate another gear - call it overdrive - and threw caution to the wind, pinching their blue-liners, and jamming the alleys in a final last ditch effort to cram the biscuit.

On any other night, the Red Hawks would be looking for that lovely set-up. On any other night, the Hawks would see the pinch, head man the puck and be up ice in a flash, one-on-nil, or two-on-one. On any other night, the Hawks would probably at the very least have managed a quick relief icing of the puck.

Not last Monday. The Hawks failed to clear or pop the puck up ice, and the Jenkins marker managed to keep Cobourg West Vikings in the playoff hunt.

In fact, it was an exciting game, peppered with enough frozen chances to keep fannies glued to frosty seats, but it was still a game the Hawks would dearly love to have back, because Hal High was the better team. Doesn't matter. Vegas was able to build a town in the desert precisely because the best team doesn't always win the game. And when the deck is shuffled on a northern pond, all bets are off.

The difference could be put down to a weekend of Highland Storm action. A large number of the Red Hawk players do double time on the Highland Storm Midget team and they played Campbellford last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, finally dropping the deciding game at Dysart on Sunday.

But Red Hawk coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman weren't about to generate any excuses.

With playoffs looming and just one game left in the regular season, Yake was pretty succinct in his appraisal of what he deemed a lackluster performance.

"Look, I really don't see that weekend series [Highland Storm play downs] as an excuse," said Yake, who added that the Vikings came with a shorter bench, and probably also had players involved in midget play downs.

"We haven't been together as a team for a while and we just didn't have the jump tonight," said Yake.

He added that the last-second goal scored to tie the game at three heading into the last period



Last Minute Goal Upends Hawks Hockey Squad

played an important role.

"It might have been a different game if we had that one goal lead going into the third, but I think that we also have to give credit to the Cobourg team, they came out hard and they played very well," said Yake.

The fact that the Hawks have a playoff berth sealed up and the Vikings were literally playing for their playoff lives was evident in the ebbing moments of the third.

A game effort, some intense fore checking and that desperation-inspired all-men-in strategy late in the game literally seemed to draw deflating wind from the sails of the usually high-flying Red Hawks. A lot can be said for the do-or-die mindset.

"We have to play hard in order to have success and we didn't play hard tonight," said Yake.

The loss means that the Red Hawks will probably finish in second place, but a lot hinges upon the outcome of their final game of the regular season in Campbellford on Wednesday. That's a rescheduled contest from an earlier snowed out match-up. It's another game

that the Hawks should probably win, but Yake is taking nothing for granted.

"We'll have to travel there and play a much better game than we played tonight," said Yake.

The Hawks record currently sits at 5-2-1. The loss means that they will not have a shot at challenging front-running Holy Cross for first place. The Hawks traveled to Peterborough last Thursday and defeated Adam Scott 5-1.

Josh Townsend scored a pair, while Ashton Haley, Mark Vasey and Ryan Stewart all notched singles in that contest.

Last Monday, Haley, Vasey and Ian Bottum scored in the 4-3 loss. Bottum, Brett Yake, Townsend and Scott Griffith added helpers.

Last Monday, February 2nd the Hawks earned a forfeit win over St Thomas Aquinas when they failed to make the game. Yake said that it's too late in the season to make up a rain date so the Hawks will be credited with a win.

Right now it looks like the Hawks will be hosting the first round of the sudden death quarterfinal play downs. That game is scheduled for Dysart Emporium on Thursday February 19th at 2 pm. Quarter finals are sudden death, semis are best of three and the finals are sudden death only because the two top Kawartha teams advance to COSSA play downs and this year COSSA will be hosted by the top team in the Kawartha Zone. ■

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Horoscopes It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you finally get around to finalizing your plan.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty," and step up to claim the credit you've so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone close to you. Asking for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding you were completely unaware of.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpion with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less-tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method and how and why it (usually!) works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving your answer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than on what you might learn later.



Dear Abby by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My elderly mother lives in a rural area. Luckily, she is surrounded by wonderful neighbors who enable her to continue living in her home without assistance. They shop for her, maintain her lawn, do handyman repairs, cook for her and regularly check on her well-being.

Unfortunately, after being discharged from a recent hospital stay, Mama discovered that one of her "trusted" neighbors has been using her credit card to pay their utilities. She is heartsick. She has taken the necessary steps to cancel the credit card, but now is conflicted about the best way to handle such a sensitive issue. Abby, is there a way for everyone to save face in this situation?

-- LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

DEAR L.T.N.: I hope you realize that what you have described is more than an embarrassment. It is elder abuse and fraud.

With one glaring exception, your mother's neighbors are angels. However, they have shouldered a responsibility -- seeing that your mother is cared for -- that really belongs to your family. If you cannot personally see to it that she gets the help she needs to live independently, you should contact your state's Area Agency on Aging or Department of Social Services and arrange for someone who is bonded to do it.

A social worker can help your mother report this matter to the police in a way that she will not be embarrassed and that may help her recover the funds that were stolen.

DEAR ABBY: I am at my wits' end with my 9-year-old son, "Zane." After his wrestling practice I tell him to take a shower. He either flat-out refuses or makes excuses to prolong not taking one and then refuses. A few times I have had to personally bathe him. Zane doesn't brush his teeth regularly and barely changes his underwear. I don't know what to do to get him to take care of his personal hygiene. Please give me some advice. -- TANYA IN NORTH LIMA, OHIO

DEAR TANYA: One effective way to get a child to live by the rules is to establish them and consistently enforce them. If you are unable to get through to Zane, perhaps his wrestling coach can impress upon him the importance of personal hygiene.

When Zane returns from wrestling practice, inform him that dinner will not be served until he has taken his shower. In the mornings, let him know he is expected to brush his teeth before coming to the breakfast table, and check him out. This may be a stage your son is going through, but if it persists for more than six months, you may need more help than I can give you in this column and you should consult a child psychologist.

DEAR ABBY: When dining out at an establishment where you order your food at the counter and then they bring your food to the table, is a tip necessary?

Also, when going to coffee shops, tip jars frequently sit on the counter. How obligated should I feel to tip the people behind the counter? -- JAMI IN NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR JAMI: Food servers often earn minimum wage, which they supplement with the tips they receive. If your server is efficient and pleasant, you should leave a tip. The usual amount is between 10 and 20 percent.

At a coffee shop where there is a tip jar, assuming that you did not sit down to be served, you should put your spare change into the jar.

What's Up Doc

Fido Food

by Carol Sanio, DVM
Minden Animal Hospital

Much concern still after the pet food recall.

Still many months after the tragic melamine-tainted pet food recall, the question of pet food and its safety for pet owners to feed their pet comes up almost daily. Sometimes it is disguised in questions about alternative diets other than those found at the pet stores, grocery stores or veterinary clinics.

Many people find information on alternative diets from books, breeders, trainers or the internet. The trend toward alternative diets was accelerated by the pet food recall but was already there in full force before that happened. Dr S. Perea, a veterinary nutritionist claims that a lot of pet owners who tried alternative foods or home cooked diets have returned to conventional products. Some choose the alternative diets to use natural and organic ingredients or preservatives. The biggest pro for the alternative diets is that they offer the pet owner options, which is always a bonus. The biggest con is that these foods may not necessarily be safer or of higher quality than the conventional foods and pet owners are unable to discern the benefits from the marketing. Many diets that are home cooked are not balanced, having excesses or deficiencies leading to nutritional imbalances. Some have excesses of minerals that end up causing major metabolic problems.

Veterinarians and nutritionists everywhere would agree that it is so important to consider the quality and history of the pet food company and be sure they are testing the foods they sell. The AAFCO feeding tests are done on foods sold by the best companies and they have veterinary nutritionists on staff.

There are many benefits of home cooked meals but they must be formulated by a nutritionist. There are a few nutritionists available that will formulate a diet for your pet to meet its needs for a fee. This can be done over the internet or by phone. The home-prepared diets may be more palatable to pets so for some animals that are ill and do not want to eat the conventional foods, or for pets with multiple medical needs and no commercial therapeutic diet available, this is a great alternative. Owners need to stick to the specific recipe provided to be sure the nutrient content is balanced.

Raw diets or BARF are always popular as many pet owners believe that raw food is more natural and that the ingredients in commercial foods are of lower quality. Owners that put that much effort into feeding their pets have a closer bond with their pet and obviously care deeply about them but they would be much wiser to stick to a premium commercial diet. Their motivation in feeding the BARF diet is right but the outcome can be deadly. The safety of feeding raw diets due to the zoonotic disease potential (disease passed on from pet to owner) is something veterinarians take as a responsibility to provide pet owners for their own health. This is even more important in families with small children or elderly people or with those who are immuno-compromised. There are many pathogens that can be passed on from raw food (especially chicken) or the pet to the owner but the most common one is Salmonella. Salmonellosis makes headlines continuously as contaminated foods with salmonella cause outbreaks of food poisonings so generally there are many people affected and it hits the newsstands.

Barf diets are not balanced, much too high in calcium that causes many problems that can be long lasting if the diet is continued. Most of the diet is meat based and dogs are not carnivores so meat should generally be a small part of the diet. Feeding raw bones to animals increases their risk of intestinal perforation as well.

Because of the risks with unbalanced diets, human and pet disease from feeding raw diets, veterinarians inform pet owners of these risks and recommend a commercially available diet or have a home made diet formulated for the owner to cook at home. Each diet (commercial or formulated) should be balanced and have the animals age, weight, body condition, activity level and medical history taken into account. Monitoring on home made diets is imperative to be sure there are not excesses or deficiencies in some minerals and electrolytes that could cause problems later on.

If you are not feeding your pet a premium dog or cat food diet, you could join the crowd of pet owners that feed these premium foods today to help your pet stay happier and healthier and live longer as well. You may be very surprised to hear that the premium diets can be less expensive per day than the lower quality ones. You need to compare prices on a per day basis, not on the bag size and price. The health benefits alone convince most pet owners.

Stay tuned and you will see why you cannot read a pet food label and know what is in it. ■

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FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Whom did reporter Clark Kent eventually marry?
Answer _____

2. After nearly 20 years of bachelorhood, he finally married Daisy Mae in 1952.
Answer _____

3. Whom did carefree flapper Blondie Boopadoop marry?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Who married Tess Trueheart on Christmas Day in 1949?
Answer _____

5. The radio series ended on Oct. 26, 1935, with his marriage to Dale Arden.
Answer _____

6. Which boxing champion married society girl Ann Howe on June 24, 1949?
Answer _____

Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Which reporter married the elusive black-orchid-sending Basil St. John?
Answer _____

8. Which former Navy pilot married his wartime girl Christy Jameson?
Answer _____

9. He grudgingly married the hatchet-faced Prudence "ugh!" Pimpleton.
Answer _____

ANSWERS:

1. Lois Lane. 2. L'il Abner. 3. Dagwood Bumstead. 4. Dick Tracy. 5. Flash Gordon. 6. Joe Palooka. 7. Brenda Starr. 8. Buz Sawyer. 9. Fearless Fosdick.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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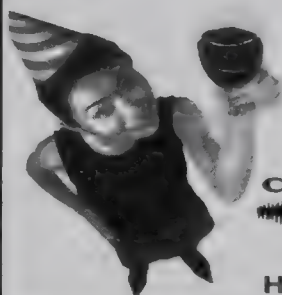
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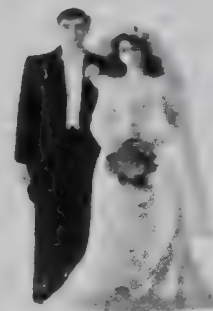
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In Memoriam & Death Notices

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In memory of a dear Father and Grandfather who passed away
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Although we smile and make no fuss,
no one misses him more than us.
And when old times we oft recall,
it's then we miss you most of all.

*Forever loved and always missed.
Love Mike, Deb, Jeff, Leanne, Greg, Lorraine, Butch
and grandchildren.*

Carpenter, Doug

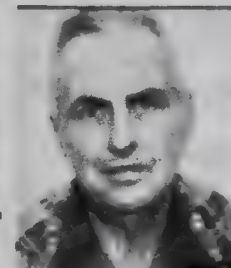
In loving memory of my dear Husband who passed away
February 15th, 2006

His weary hours and days of pain,
His troubled nights are past.
And in my aching heart I know,
He has found peace at last.

*Forever loved and always missed.
Your wife, Barbara.*

In Loving Memory of

Dale Clifford McKNIGHT



Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on
Friday, February 6, 2009. At the age of 63.

Beloved husband of Susan (nee English). Dear father of
Dwayne, Lesia and her husband Dave Shaw, and Tina.
Dear son of Norma and her husband Joe Maguire and the
late Harry McKnight and brother of Everett and his wife Ruth,
Norm and his wife Marion. Loving grandpa of Christina,
Stephanie, Jason, Joshua, and Christopher. Fondly
remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk
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follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation to
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Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated
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In Memory of Roberta Welsh Feb. 12, 2006

We took our vows together
Said, "Till death do us part",
But when God came and took your hand
My whole world fell apart.
No one knows the heartache
I try so hard to hide,
Only God knows how many times
I've broken down and cried.
When I look back upon our lives
One of the things that makes me glad,
That you chose me to share with you
The precious years we had.

*From your
loving husband,
Bill*



In Memory of Roberta Welsh Feb. 12, 2006

God looked around his garden,
And saw an empty space.
Then he looked down here on earth,
And saw your loving face.

He put his arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
His garden must be beautiful,
Because he only picks the best.

A million times we'll miss you,
A million times we'll cry.
If love could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a special place,
No one could ever fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.

*From your
loving daughters,
Nancy, Gloria,
Barb, Joanne &
son-in-law Brett*

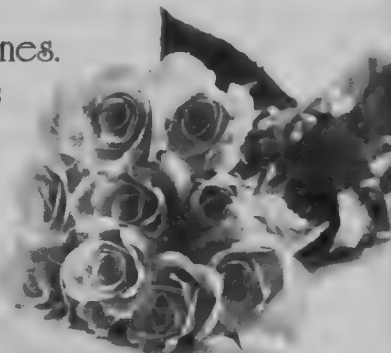
Love

In Memory of Kevin Bunn (Feb 15, 2002).

Kevin .. thinking of how much you mean
to those whos lives you've touched
and feeling thankful for the love you've given
and shared so much.

Happy Valentines.

*Love always
Mom, Dad
and
Family.*



In Memory of Roberta Welsh Feb. 12, 2006

*"Missing you bundles
Gramma!"*

*Love your Grandson,
Shawn*



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For Rent

FOR RENT - 4 bedroom home in Ingoldsby \$750 plus utilities. Electric baseboard and wood heat. References are required. 1st and Last. Due to insurance no smokers and no pets. Call 286-2900. Available Apr. 1, 2009. (D0209-0053)

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom apartment located 2 miles north of Minden. \$595 a month plus hydro. Call Mike at 457-5597 (C0209-0050)

FOR RENT - 1 bedroom, well maintained apartment available. Maple Lake area. Private deck, parking, heat, hydro and basic satellite included. Non-smoker, no pets. \$625 a month. Call (705) 754-9732 (C0209-0045)

FOR RENT - 3-bedroom house on lake, 10 minute drive to Haliburton. \$900.00 + utilities. Call 457-2750 for more details. (B0209-0069)

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom "furnished" apartment for rent in Haliburton Available now until fall. \$650.00 per month + utilities. 3 kms of town just past the Independent. References required. Ask for Ray 705-457-1402 days. (E1209-0013)

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SELF STORAGE UNITS - 24 hour access, 260 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton. Call (705) 457-9732 (C0209-0033)

For Sale

FOR SALE - Girls Ski helmet sized small \$15.00. Size 7 girls ski boots \$35. Both yellow in colour. Also available Frigidaire, ceramic stove \$600. Computer cabinet \$75.00. Call 286-6790 (C0209-0054)

FOR SALE - Kingsley Mantel Electric Fireplace Dark Cherry Wood. 4250 btu. 13 mon. old 750w, 1500w. Cost \$349.99, sell \$175.00 Can be used as wall or corner unit. 286 2988 (C0209-0052)

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WANTED - Old or antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920. Clean up of scrap cars or metal as well. (E1209-0023)

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Notices

EVERYONE WELCOME: To a variety musical concert at Maple Lake United Church (Hwy #118 at Stanhope Airport). February 21, 2009 starting at 7 pm. Freewill offering - Refreshments. (C0209-0048)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, A Christ-centered recovery group for all of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. A time of worship, teaching, Small Groups, and community. Meet others journeying this same road as you, & take steps towards freedom from the addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours that hold your life back. Every Monday Night 7 - 10 PM at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton. 457-2851 www.celebraterecovery.com (E1209-0029)

Help Wanted



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Is accepting applications for the position of **PART-TIME PRIMARY CARE PARAMEDIC**. Hourly rate and benefits are as per the CUPE Local 4435 Collective Agreement. Qualified AEMCA candidates are requested to submit a digital confidential letter of application and resume, no later than Tuesday, February 17th at 12:00 p.m. to the attention of: **Tamara Wilbee, Human Resources** twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca

Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation

Vacancy on Board of Directors

The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill one vacancy which became vacant on January 1, 2009. This is a one year term position.

Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by February 27th, 2009.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as resumes to:

Hope Lee, Secretary
Kawartha Lakes - Haliburton Housing Corporation
322 Kent Street West
Lindsay, ON. K9V 4S7
(705) 324-6401 ex. 102

Upcoming Meetings



HALIBURTON VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Annual General Meeting Haliburton Village BIA Monday, February 23 - 7 p.m. at The Rails End Gallery 23 York Street, Haliburton

Purpose: To Receive Treasurer's Report and Proposed '09 Budget.
Receive Nominations for and Install '09 Officers

Invited Speakers

All Members and Interested Parties Welcome
Come out and Support **YOUR** BIA

NOTE: "New Officers Needed"

For Information Call:
Jim Frost, Administrator
Haliburton Village BIA
705-457-4031



SIRCH is looking for 4 - 6 instructors, and a Coordinator, for three 6-week School's Cool programs running this summer in Minden, Haliburton and Highlands East. If you have experience/education in early child development, teaching or related field, please send your resume to marg_hockley@sirch.on.ca or send to 4663 County Rd 21, Haliburton. www.sirch.on.ca or www.schoolscool.org

FEEL

Request for proposals for Coordination of HM Children's Water Festival

The Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival (HMCWF) is an annual fall event in the County. It provides an active learning experience for children in grades 4 - 6 from the Trillium Lakeland District School board, private schools, homeschooling and others.

The HMCWF is a project of Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL). FEEL is requesting proposals to co-ordinate the HMCWF. A full list of duties will be provided upon request. Proposals of under \$10,000 will be accepted until Mar. 3. A decision will be made by March 20 with commencement of the work April 1 2009. Please note that the best proposal will be accepted not necessarily the least expensive.

For more information, please contact:

Rick Whittaker, rickwhittaker@sympatico.ca or

Heather Ross, heatherross@sympatico.ca

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CHAMBER NEWS

Upcoming Events

The 2008 Business and Community Achievement Awards
Saturday, March 21st at the Delta Pinestone Resort
Entertainment- Haliburton Idol Kelsey Crowe

Dinner Menu

Baby Greens Salad w/ Dressing, Marinated Button Mushroom Salad
Traditional Caesar Salad-Butternut, Dried Cranberry &
Roasted Sunflower Seeds Salad w/ Maple Syrup

Sliced Sirloin of Alberta Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Natural Jus
Roast Chicken Breast w/ Thyme & Rosemary Rub
Penne Pasta Alfredo w/ Shrimp & Scallops
Seasonal Vegetables & Potato

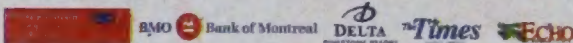
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Audrey Beck's workshop for businesses education in accounting topics that include:
Types of business set ups, RST, GST, Payroll, WSIB and Accounting Requirements.

Tues, March 3 from 1-4pm at the Chamber Office

For further information and to RSVP, please call 286-1760

Enhanced Retirement & Tax Strategies on Thurs. Feb. 19
from 5:30 to 7pm. At the BMO, please rsvp to 705-457-1587.

Chamber AM

Our first breakfast meeting was a success on -29 frosty morning at the Dominion Hotel.

We enjoyed a fresh, hot breakfast at a great price!

Great opportunity to meet some other business personal in the community

Next Chamber AM at the Dominion Hotel

Thursday, March 5th from 8-9am, only \$4.

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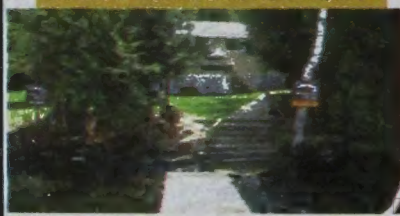
Eagle Lake \$539,000



Wonderful 2 lake chain, close to ski hill, charming 4 bedroom, 3 bath cottage, family room, & garage holds all the toys!

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Kennisis View & Sunsets \$499,000



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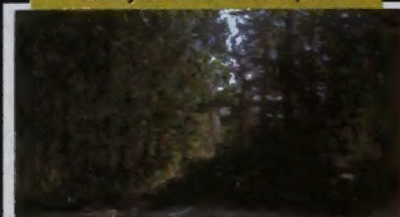
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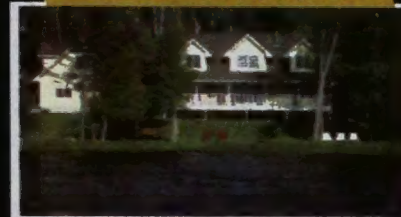
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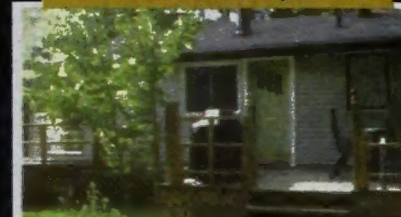
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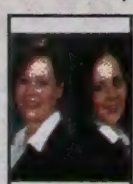
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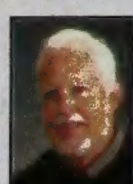
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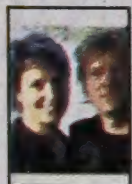
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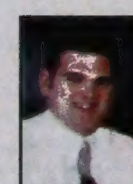
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